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THE GAFFER



NEIL WARNOCK

WELCOME back to Loftus Road for today's fixture against Bolton Wanderers.

I'd like to start by wishing a warm welcome back to you – our supporters – who played such an instrumental role in the reason that we're kicking off the 2011/12 campaign as a Barclays Premier League Club.

Your support, home and away last season, was unbelievable and lifted the players to a level no-one ever expected.

Yes, it's going to be tough this season, but I'm sure like me, you watched the Championship kick-off last weekend and thought thank goodness we're not in that division anymore.

Today we welcome Bolton to Loftus Road for what promises to be an absolute cracker.

The Trotters are the one Club that promoted teams look to emulate. They're not the biggest in terms of size and they don't have the most

financial clout, but year after year with good management and a settled boardroom, they manage to defy the odds and usually finish in the top half of the table.

I'd personally like to welcome Owen Coyle and his staff to W12, as well as the players and directors of the Club.

I'm sure they're all looking forward to it as much as we all are. Opening days are always special occasions and I'm sure this will be no different.



I'm adamant all of our new players will enjoy the Loftus Road atmosphere this season. It's amazing when you sign new players how often they mention the stadium and the atmosphere that is generated at our lovely little ground.

Each and every one of the players we've signed has got something to prove this season.

I've been very happy with their contribution during pre-season and the way they've fitted into the squad

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fills me with great promise.

Adel's still here when many of us thought we'd probably seen the last of him.

There are times when I'd probably hoped I had too, but in all seriousness, his contribution last season was enormous and I know from talking to him that he is very excited about the challenge of playing for QPR in the Premier League.

Our transfer action has been quite low key this summer, but by being patient I have managed to sign a lot of my top targets that were very high on the list.

Now it's down to this squad of



players to stick together on this great rollercoaster of a ride.

There will be undoubted lows and unparalleled highs, but this is why we are all involved in the game – to play, manage and coach at the very top level.

Make no mistake, having been at the Premier League Managers' meeting earlier this week, this is the very top level in world football.

The global pull of the Premier League, with over 500 million homes worldwide tuning into coverage of the matches, means it's head and shoulders above any other football league on the planet.

However, for all the Manchester Citys and Chelseas of this world, I still believe it's the supporters in this

country that make the game what it is, with all their enthusiasm and excitement for the game.

I noticed during the pre-season fixtures how excited the youngsters are to see Premier League football back at Loftus Road.

Although it's only 15 years since we've been in the top-flight, that's a generation and a half, and I'm as excited as you all are about seeing some of the world's best come to Loftus Road this season.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the staff throughout the Club that make QPR something of a unique set-up.

Although expectations will still be high after last year, because fans always believe their team can win everything, I know that throughout

this season the support of everyone associated with the Club will be more vital than ever before. Not only when we're ahead in games, but also when we're trying to get back into games.

All I ask is that you all enjoy yourselves and contribute in your own way to help us establish ourselves, like Bolton have, as a Premier League Club over the course of the season.

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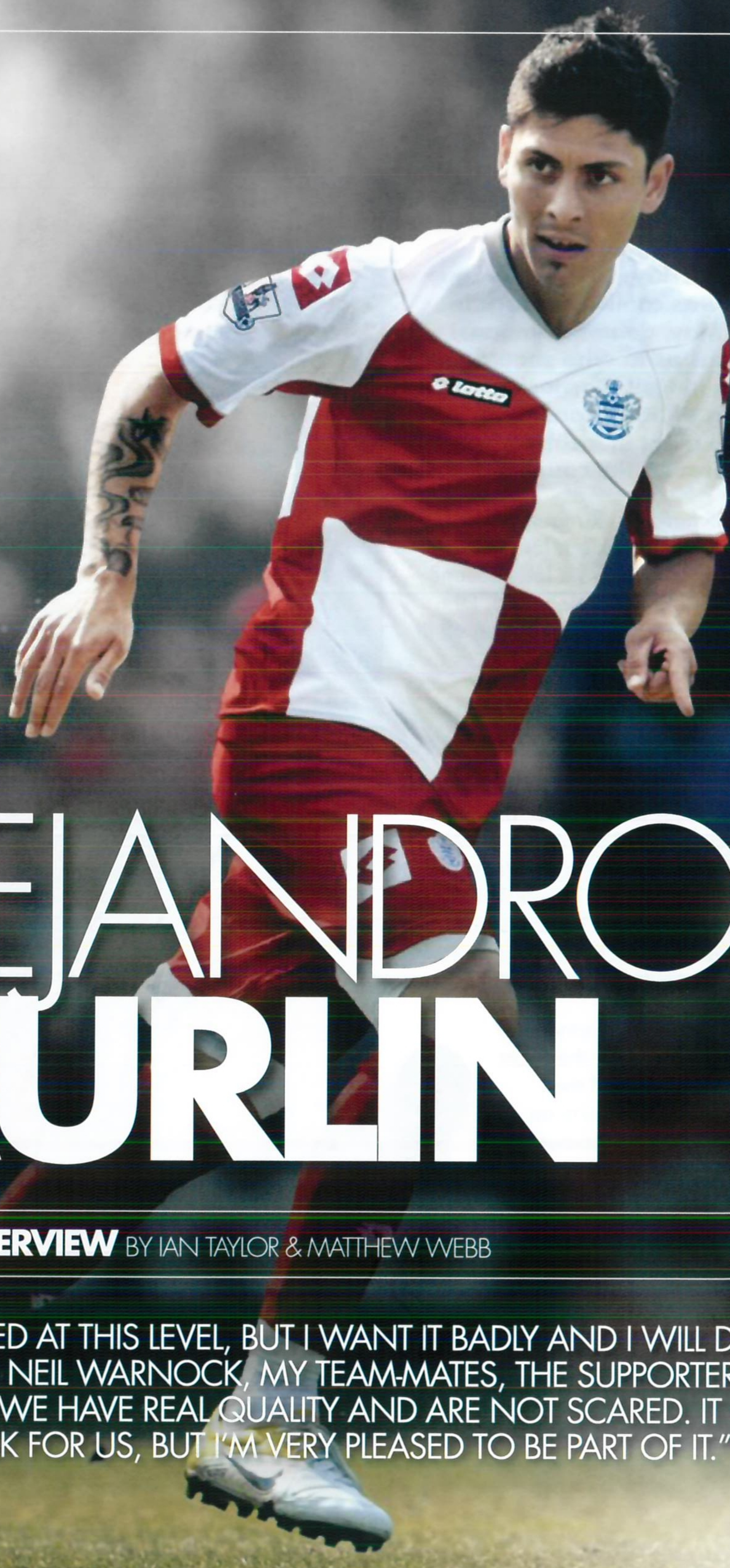


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> ALEJANDRO FAURLIN

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW BY IAN TAYLOR & MATTHEW WEBB



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EVER-SINCE the R's promotion to the Barclays Premier League was confirmed back in May, debates amongst QPR fans as to who should feature in Neil Warnock's starting XI have gone long into the night in local watering holes around the country.

Who will make up Rangers' back four? Will Warnock opt for his tried and tested 4-2-3-1 from last season? How will strikers Jay Bothroyd, DJ Campbell and Heidar Helguson all fit into the gaffer's plans?

Regardless of that fact, one name that most R's fans commonly agree on is Alejandro Faurlin.

Despite an FA inquiry over his move from Instituto de Cordoba in 2009, Faurlin – our Player for the Year for 2009/10 – enjoyed arguably his best season yet in R's colours last term, even though he would not go on to pick up any individual gongs.

The Argentinian's partnership with Shaun Derry in the heart of midfield provided the R's with a real platform on which to claim the npower Championship title, with Faurlin producing one match-winning performance after another – all this despite allegations over his move to W12.

The rest, as they say, is history – and Faurlin can't wait to pit his wits amongst some of England's elite.





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There are certain players – and teams – that you just can't help but watch and admire.

The cream of Barcelona's crop, for instance. Iniesta, Xavi and Lionel Messi to name but a few.

R's fans – like any other – are probably biased when it comes to their side, but few would argue that Faurlin carries a certain elegance on the ball that will never tire to watch.

Born in Rosario, Argentina, the 25 year-old's desire to make it at the very highest level of the beautiful game started from an early age.

"I'd always wanted to be a professional footballer," Faurlin told 'Hoops.' "My parents have supported me from day one. Everything I do is for them and my family.

"Obviously it's a hard profession

to break into, but I'm very pleased and thankful for their support.

"I left one big city and went to another in Buenos Aires. They always back me on the big decisions.

"I had a choice to make between school and football and definitely made the right one.

"I knew I was going to be a footballer. It's always hard, very hard. Once you make the grade, it's very hard to maintain it."

And make the grade Faurlin did in the early days of his career, to a certain extent.

Once part of the famous River Plate youth system, the left-footed wizard made his professional debut with hometown side Rosario Central, before dropping down to the Argentinian second division in 2007 with a move to Atletico de Rafael.

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Faurlin then began to find his feet in the professional game and, after transferring to Instituto just a year later, his impressive performances caught the eye further afield, as Rangers swooped to bring the gifted playmaker to West London in 2009.

Two years on, and Faurlin is set to ply his trade on the world's greatest stage.

"This is a big step for me – the seasons of all seasons," he continued.

"I'm really enjoying this experience at QPR.

"We can't wait to kick-off the season. We've worked really hard to get here and we have to prove ourselves.

"We are very happy and are looking to enjoy every second of life in the Premier League.

"We'll be okay and we're ready for this first game."

R's fans will, of course, remember the anxious wait they had to endure last season to learn whether or not they would be promoted to the Premier League as Champions.

The verdict over the case concerning Faurlin's move to QPR was decided just 30 minutes before our final league fixture of the season at home to Leeds – cue party central in and around the streets of Shepherd's Bush.

It's a moment in time that Faurlin will never forget.

"Last season was hard for me.

I was always confident but the newspapers and television tried to write a movie," he said.

"It made me feel sick.

"Things happen but we are here and happy in the Premier League, and I feel as though I have learnt a lot from that experience.

"When I switched on the television and first found out the news it was difficult.

"The first few days were very tough. The day after, the lads were joking and having a laugh, but I still felt bad – we are men, we are professionals.

"I have to say thank you to the Club, the supporters, my teammates, as well as the Manager. They were all magnificent."

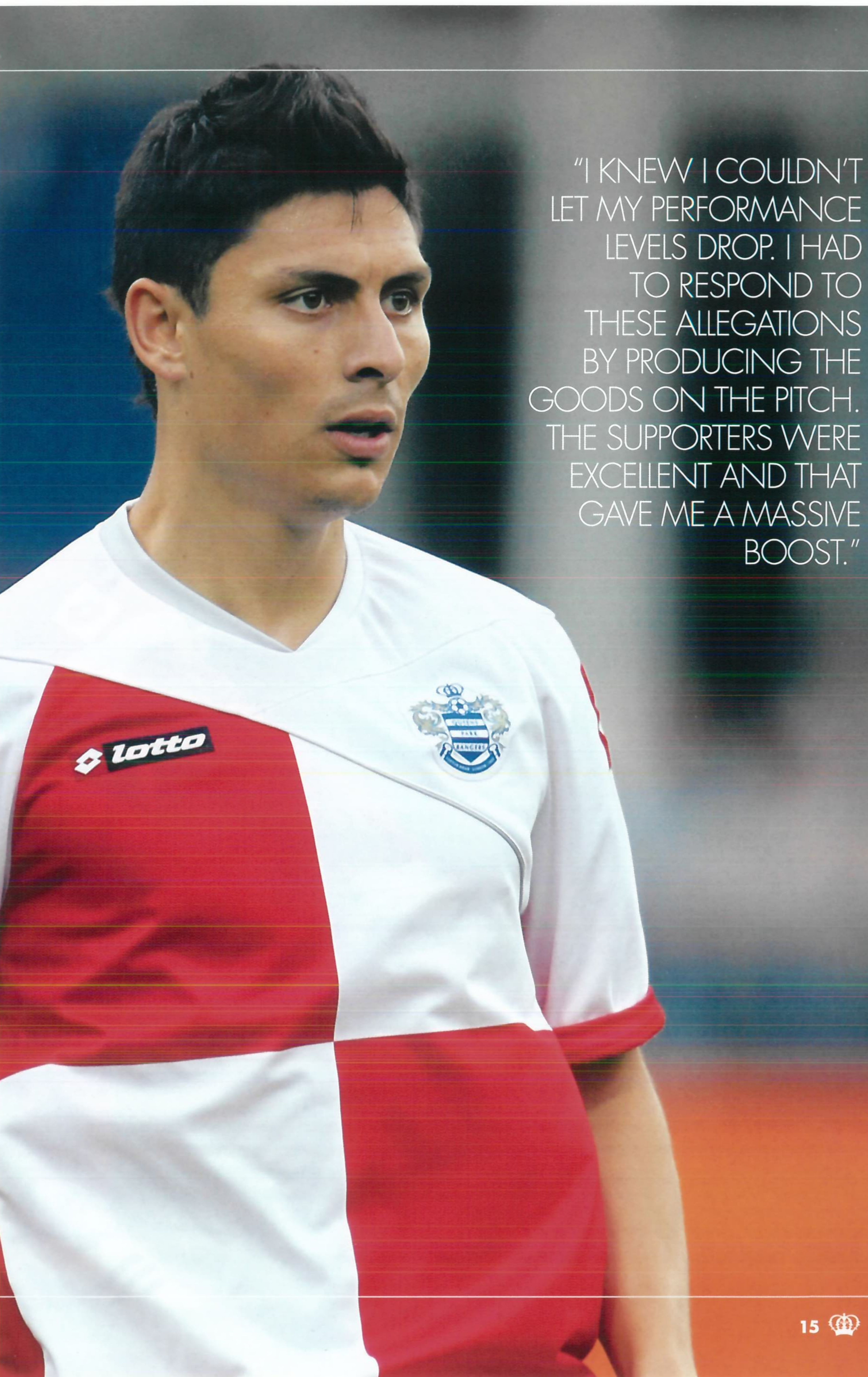
Faurlin added: "I knew I couldn't let my performance levels drop. I had to respond to these allegations by producing the goods on the pitch.

"The supporters were excellent and that gave me a massive boost.

"I remember clearly when we got the verdict. The Manager had called a meeting before the game against Leeds – and then the news broke.

"The moment we got that news will stay with me forever – the moment we were crowned Champions, officially.

"Just that moment, and not anything that happened before, will stay with me."



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With all that now brushed aside, Faurlin is now firmly focusing on life in the Premier League.

And, while he knows the tough task ahead, our Argentinian ace is certainly up for the challenge.

"This season will be tough, there's a lot more quality. It will be played at a slightly different pace, but the quality of opposition is much better," Faurlin continued.

"We have to believe in ourselves.

"I believe in myself and I know my team-mates believe in themselves.

"I've never played at this level, but I want it badly and I will do everything for Neil Warnock, my team-mates, the supporters and the Club.

"As a player you always want to test yourself against the very best. Two years ago I was playing in the Argentinian second division.

"If you fight and believe, success will come."

He added: "I love the Premier League as a product, because anything can happen.

"Look at Clubs like Blackpool, who had a great chance of staying up when everybody had written them off.

"We know that if we start well, focus and concentrate, we have a good chance to do well.

"The first few months are always

important. Blackpool were quite open and we will learn from that.

"We need to be intelligent and our success last season was built from a solid defence – from front to back.

"The team was very solid and it was difficult to beat us and break us down.

"Our home form will be important. We have to win games at Loftus Road.

"We have real quality and are not scared. It will be a big, big task for us, but I'm very pleased to be part of it."

If Faurlin prospers in the top-flight, then there will most certainly be calls for international recognition with his beloved Argentina.

But, for now, Faurlin's focus is firmly on doing well for Rangers.

He said: "I know a lot of the current Argentina squad, having played with many at Under-17 and Under-20 level. I have great memories of playing with some of these players.

"I do have international ambitions, but I just want to try and enjoy the experience this year to the maximum.

"Two years ago I couldn't have possibly imagined where I am now, so we will see what happens.

"But International football isn't something that scares me. Hopefully it will happen if I do well in the Premier League for QPR." 🏴󠁧󠁢󠁥󠁮󠁧󠁿





RANGERS NEWS

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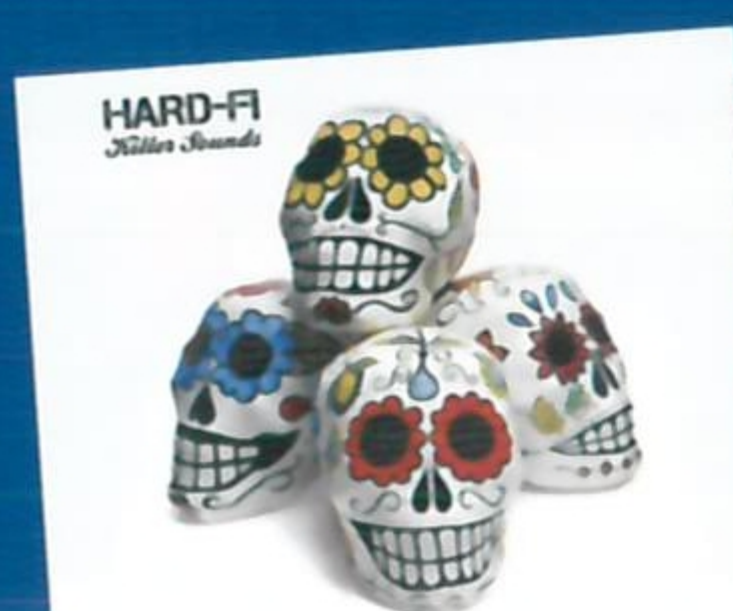
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THE four-piece band from Staines have been busy working on their third studio album for the past 18 months, which is set for release on August 22nd.

The album, suitably titled 'Killer Sounds,' was co-produced by the band's frontman, Richard Archer, with assistance from big names such as Stuart Price (Killers, Madonna), Grey Kurstin (Lily Allen) and Alan Moulder (Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Killers) and recorded in Staines' Cherry Lips studios, as well as Los Angeles.

With the band's million-selling debut album, 'Stars of CCTV,' the number one follow up, 'Once Upon A Time In The West' and

two BRIT award nominations (2006's 'Best British Group' and 'Best British Rock Act') already under their belts, Hard-Fi are set to reign the charts once again.

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AN ALTERNATIVE LOOK AT TODAY'S RANGERS ...

MOONLIGHTING RANGERS CLINT HILL

CLINTON J. HILL is a former United States Secret Service agent who became an internationally-known figure upon the murder of President John F. Kennedy.

Hill was in the presidential motorcade during that assassination in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963. After Kennedy was shot, Hill ran from the car immediately behind the presidential limousine and leapt onto the back of it - holding on while the vehicle raced to Parkland Memorial Hospital. He was attempting to cover the president's body with his own.

This action was documented in the famous Zapruder film. Hill was the last surviving passenger

of the presidential limousine which arrived at Parkland.

Although the Secret Service was shocked at its failure to protect the life of President Kennedy, virtually everyone agreed that Clint Hill's rapid and brave actions had been without blemish. He was honoured at a ceremony in Washington just days after the funeral of John F. Kennedy.

Mrs Kennedy, despite being in deep mourning, made a rare appearance at this same event to personally thank Hill for his 'extraordinary courage and heroic effort in the face of maximum danger.'

Clinton J. Hill retired from the Secret Service in 1975.



MURPHY MAKES MOVE



FORMER Ipswich Town goalkeeper Brian Murphy penned a two-year deal at Loftus Road on Wednesday morning.

The 28 year-old custodian, who impressed whilst on trial during pre-season, will provide competition for Paddy Kenny and Radek Cerny.

Neil Warnock has made no secret of his desire to have three senior goalkeepers to select from this season and the R's gaffer commented: "I am delighted. You need three senior keepers for the Premier League and we've got that now."

"His attitude is first class and he's got great mobility. He's got everything that we need."

THE SURNAME GAME BRADLEY ORR

THERE are numerous origins for the surname of Orr. The northern English, Scottish and Northern Irish surname is derived from the Old Norse byname *Orri*, meaning a "male black grouse".

Another origin for the English surname is from a topographical term for a person who lived on a shore or ridge. This version is derived from the Old English pre-7th Century word *ora*, meaning 'shore,' 'hill-slope' or 'flat-topped ridge.'

The surname could also be from a

place-name. For example, the surname Ore is derived from Oare in Berkshire, Kent and Wiltshire; or Ore in East Sussex.

The first recording of the surname in England was at the beginning of the 13th Century. The family name was shown to be that of Agnes de (of) Ore, which was dated 1210.

In Scotland, the surname is first known to have been recorded in Renfrewshire. It has been suggested that the name derives from the Scottish parish of Orr as the River Orr flowed through that area.



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QPR are back where we all believe we belong, taking on the best teams in the country in arguably the greatest league in world football.

Loftus Road will be packed to the rafters this afternoon, just like it was on the final day of last season when we were at last able to enjoy our promotion as Champions.

There might not have been any competitive football since that sunny May afternoon, but there has been plenty to talk about for Rangers fans. Well, it's never been a dull team to support, has it?

QPR Player continues to bring you unrivalled coverage of the Club, including access that nobody else is entitled to.

We were in the dressing room at Watford after Neil Warnock had ordered all other camera crews out so that he could speak with his promotion-winning squad. If you haven't seen

that Vicarage Road speech yet, where have you been? Check it out on **QPR Player's** archive.

We were also on tour with the squad to Cornwall and Italy, bringing you highlights from all the matches – from Bodmin to Cesena.

We have been speaking exclusively with all our new signings, as well as bringing viewers regular updates from the gaffer.

As we finally prepare for life back in the top-flight, **QPR Player** is an absolute must.

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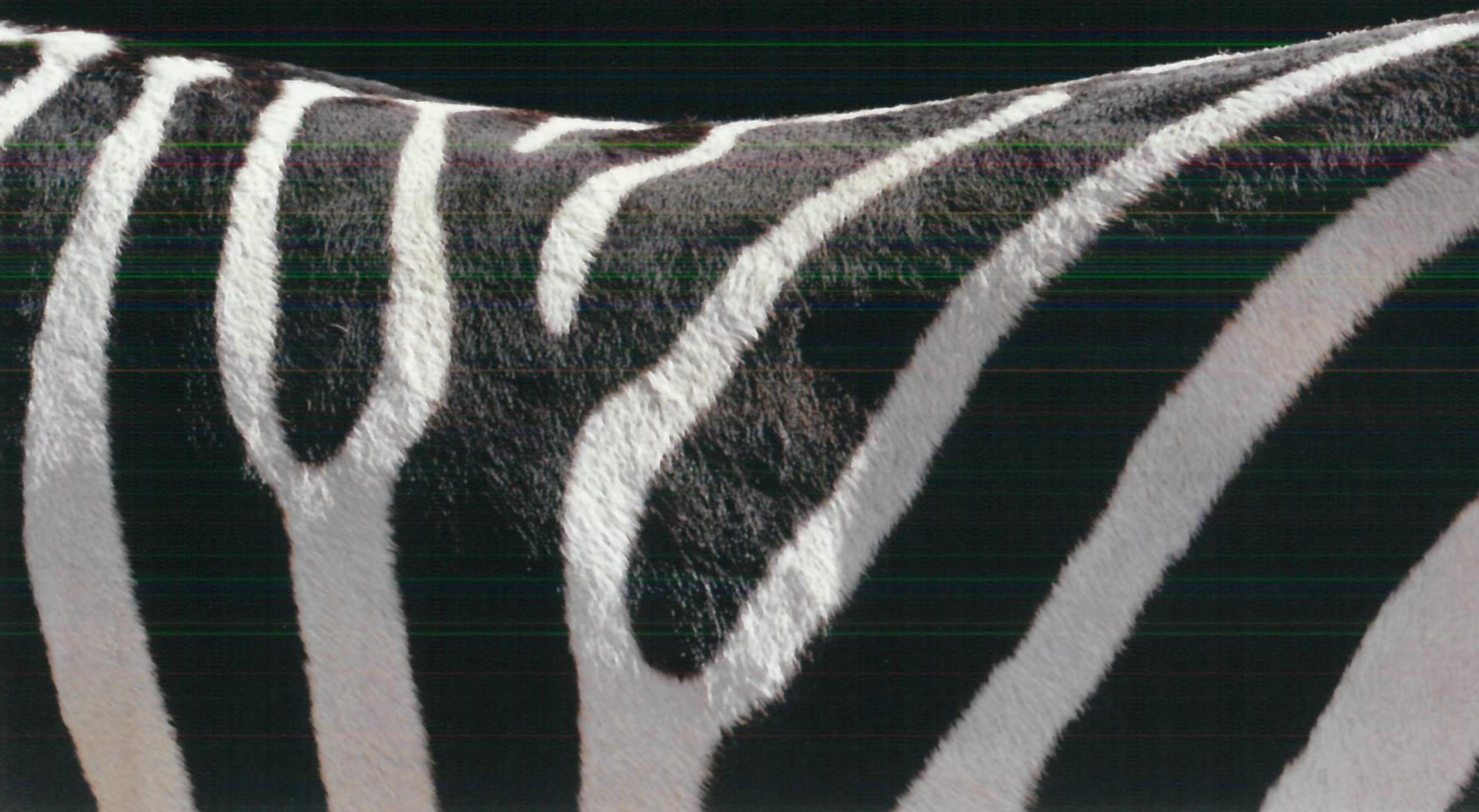
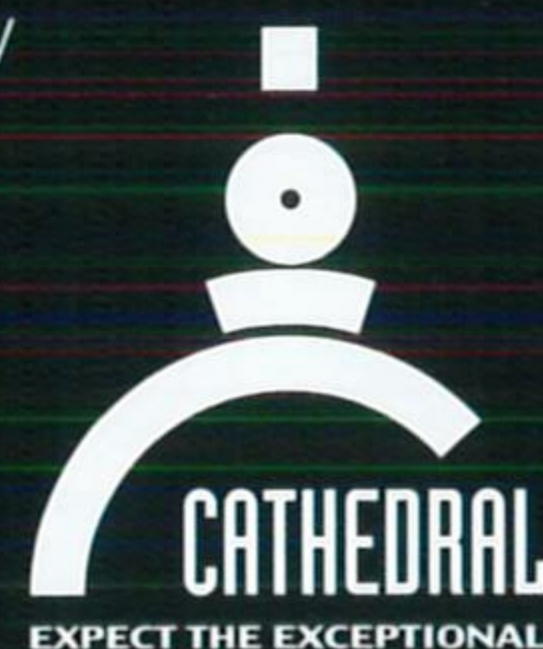
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SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST 1995

BLACKBURN ROVERS 1 QUEENS PARK RANGERS 0

AN Alan Shearer penalty gave reigning Champions Blackburn Rovers a narrow win over plucky QPR on the opening day of the campaign.

Freddie Mercury's hit song 'We Are the Champions' was played over the tannoy three times before the kick-off and the match went according to script in the first half.

Blackburn dominated and Shearer found the net with a spot kick on six minutes after he toppled over in the box amidst minimal contact by R's right-back David Bardsley.

But Rangers fought back after the break. Young striker Danny Dichio – replacing summer departure Les Ferdinand – began to dominate in the air. Meanwhile the midfield partnership of Ian Holloway and Simon Barker worked like Trojans.

Then on 73 minutes, Super Hoops winger Trevor Sinclair raced through in a frantic one-on-one before being chopped down by goalkeeper Tim Flowers 10 yards outside the penalty area. This resulted in a straight red card for the England number one.

The rest of the game saw play condensed in the Blackburn area. Rangers threw everyone forward and Rovers dragged everyone back.

In the end, those Premier League Champions just held on by the skin of their teeth.

QPR: Tony Roberts, David Bardsley (Simon Osborn 77), Rufus Brevett, Simon Barker, Alan McDonald, Danny Maddix, Andrew Impey, Ian Holloway, Danny Dichio, Kevin Gallen, Trevor Sinclair. **Subs not used:** Karl Ready, Ray Wilkins.

Attendance: 22,860



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RAY WILKINS

R'S Player-Manager Ray Wilkins said afterwards: "It was disappointing to lose to what was a dubious penalty to say the least.

"I would characterise our performance as adequate and we did create a number of chances. We would have preferred a penalty ourselves rather than seeing Tim Flowers being sent off."

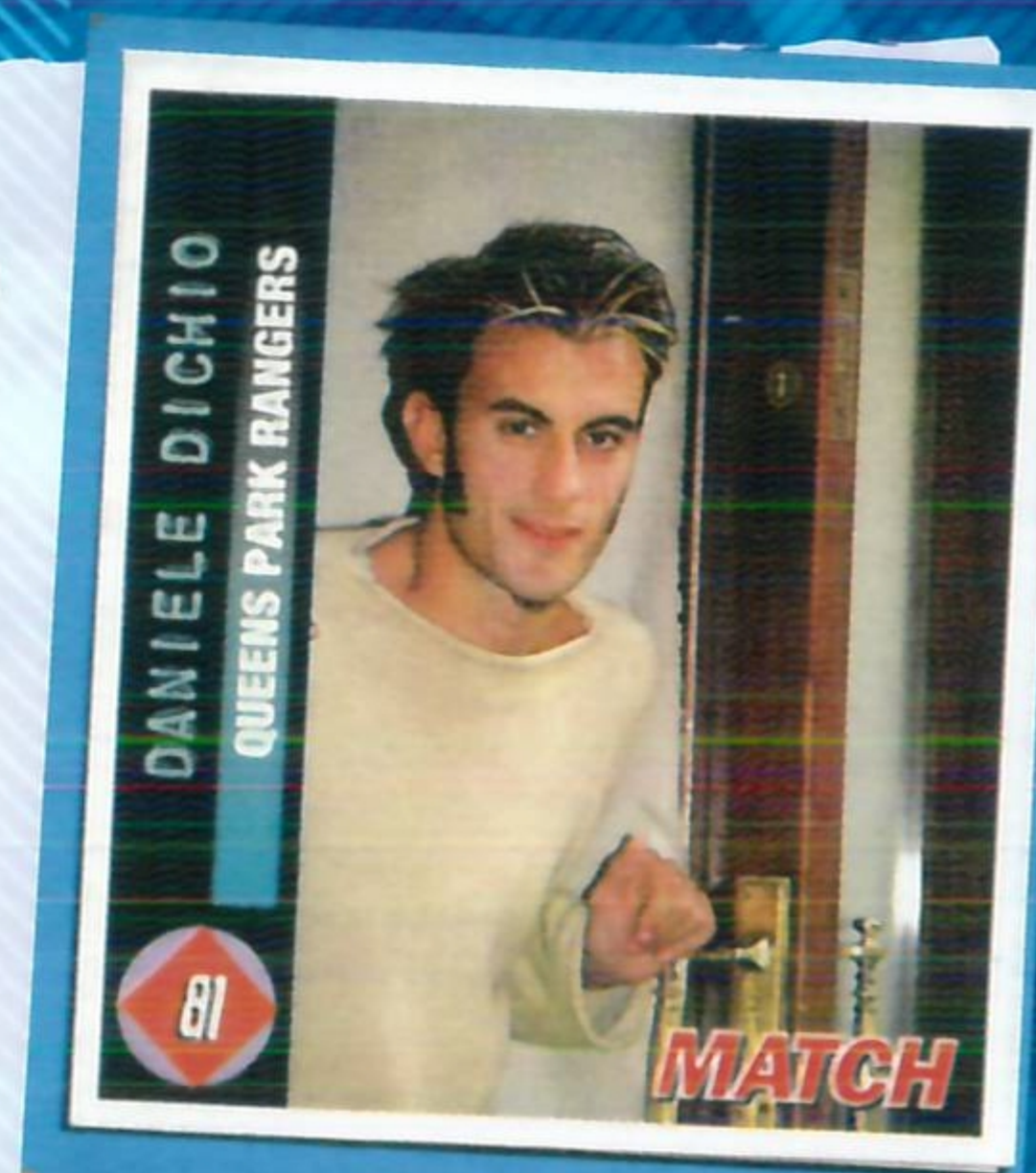


DANNY DICHIO was looking forward to establishing himself as first choice centre-forward at Queens Park Rangers following the summer sale of Les Ferdinand to Newcastle for £6million.

Dichio, 20, said: "This is a big year for me. With Les gone, the pressure is on. I just hope I can do well for boss Ray Wilkins, for the fans and for myself.

"I want to get a few goals in the Premier League and keep my place. I've hoped for this chance since I turned pro so it is up to me to take it.

"I am looking to develop my partnership with fellow striker Kevin Gallen. We have been playing up front together since we were nine and 10 years old. We have progressed through every team in the QPR ranks. So I believe we can carry on our understanding now in the main Rangers side."



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**QUEENS PARK
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RANGERS slumped to defeat courtesy of a disappointing performance in our opening home game of the season.

After Kevin Gallen rattled the crossbar early on for the R's, Wimbledon opened the scoring on 30 minutes. Dean Holdsworth set up Oyvind Leonhardsen, who

drilled past keeper Tony Roberts from inside the box.

The Wombles doubled their advantage through Holdsworth in the 56th minute when he ran on to a long through ball and curled home a crisp shot. Then Holdsworth was sent-off three minutes later for a

IN THE NEWS *August 1995*

4th Croatian forces launch Operation Storm against Serbian forces in Krajina and force them to withdraw to central Bosnia and Herzegovina.

6th Hundreds in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Washington, D.C., and Tokyo mark the 50th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb.

15th Launch of LIVE TV, a cable channel owned by MGN. The channel's programming quickly earns it a reputation as tabloid television. It is perhaps best remembered for its mascot News Bunny who, among other things, stood for Parliament at the 1996 South Staffordshire by-election and polled 85 votes.



16th UK unemployment is now at 2,315,300 - one of the lowest figures recorded in the last four years.



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30th The first National Television Awards are held at the Wembley Conference Centre and presented by Eammon Holmes.

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second bookable offence.

Rangers rallied after that – Simon Barker and substitute Ned Zelic fired over and Danny Dichio struck the woodwork.

But with six minutes to go, Wimbledon sub Jon Goodman rounded Roberts to tuck in the third.

QPR: Tony Roberts, David Bardsley, Rufus Brevett, Simon Barker (Ray Wilkins 76), Alan McDonald (Ned Zelic 61), Danny Maddix, Andrew Impey, Ian Holloway, Danny Dichio, Kevin Gallen, Trevor Sinclair. **Sub not used:** Simon Osborn.

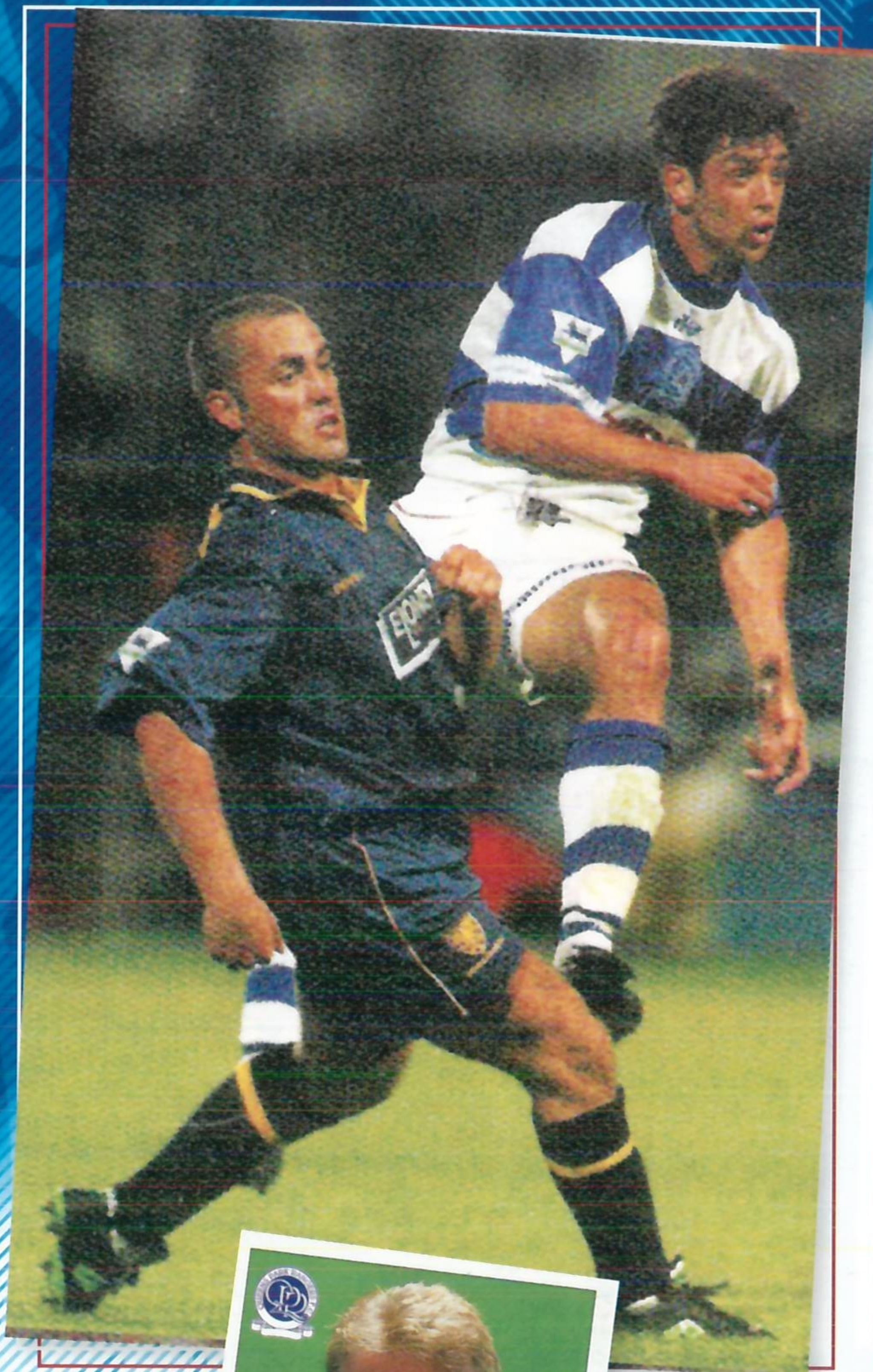
Attendance: 11,837

The boss

RAY WILKINS

RAY WILKINS summed up this setback by saying: "There is no getting away from it – we were poor defensively. If you defend like amateurs in the Premiership then you'll be punished by the pros. We created enough chances on the night to win two games, but what was of real concern was the quality of our defending.

"Two defeats is not the ideal way to start the season of course, but it's certainly not time to press the panic button. The players have to put it right. The older guys in particular have to pick the younger lads up."



TALKING POINT

RANGERS began issuing a new-style A4 sized programme called 'HOOPS.' It consisted of 36 pages and sold at £1.50. The large page size was not popular with the R's crowd and it only lasted for one season.



FACE IN THE CROWD.

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THE SOCIAL NETWORK



C OINCIDING with our return to the Barclays Premier League, we felt the time was right to start giving our Social Media pages a bit of attention and get them looking a bit more 'Premier' style.

However, it's not just their appearance that will change.

This season, the information and content available on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube will make all three crucial assets for any fans wanting to keep up-to-date with all the important QPR information.

and a snapshot of our position in the table.

Shopping Page... The refreshed Shopping Page will provide access to the latest products and special offers, but it won't just feature Superstore products. The page will also provide fans with the opportunity to purchase match tickets, hospitality seats, places in Soccer Schools and much more.

The Wall... In addition to providing a community for our fans to share and discuss their views, we want them to be able to stay as close as possible to the matchday action. The Wall will be THE information portal during QPR matches, keeping fans updated with all the goals, saves, fouls and other talking points as they're taking place.

upgrade further down the road.

What's more, you can also follow our roving reporters up and down the country this season - simply follow @IJTaylor81, @QPRPlayer and @WebbyCOYRS.

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YouTube

Our YouTube channel has been around for a while, but this season we're giving it a bit of an overhaul, bringing in a vibrant new look and feel and offering a broader range of behind-the-scenes content. The page will also be open to our fans, allowing them to submit select footage of their own.

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The three social media sites will all play an essential part in connecting fans to the Club and keeping them up-to-speed on all developments during the course of the season and beyond.

So what are you waiting for? Like, follow or subscribe and stay in touch with Queens Park Rangers!

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Facebook

Our Facebook page currently has over 14,000 followers and we want even more QPR fans staying in touch. The site is undergoing a number of changes, with several sections being added or tweaked to improve the experience for QPR fans, as well as making more information readily available. These include the following:

Welcome Page... The Welcome Page will greet fans once they've logged into the Club's Facebook domain, displaying the top QPR headlines; the previous and upcoming match; player profiles;

twitter

Twitter

Our Twitter page is also a great asset for fans looking to catch up on the latest news, match incidents and post-match reaction. The Twitter format also makes it the perfect portal to keep R's fans up-to-speed on all things QPR while they're on the road. The page will also be getting its own visual



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MANAGERIAL RECORDS

Neil Warnock Played 60 Won 29 Drawn 21 Lost 10 For 86 Against 46 Av Pts/game 1.80 Biggest Win(s) Won 4-0 on 2 occasions Biggest Loss(es) Leicester 4 QPR 0 (05/04/2010).	Owen Coyle Played 58 Won 18 Drawn 13 Lost 27 For 68 Against 87 Av Pts/game 1.16 Biggest Win(s) Bolton 5 Newcastle 1 (20/11/2010). Biggest Loss(es) Sunderland 4 Bolton 0 (09/03/2010).
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MANAGER HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played3	Neil Warnock1	Owen Coyle1
Draws1	Goals 7	Goals 4

Player with the most... shots Adel Taarabt 157 shots on target Adel Taarabt 88 shots off target Adel Taarabt 69 assists Adel Taarabt 16 crosses Adel Taarabt 127 fouls Heidar Helguson 62 free-kicks-won Adel Taarabt 99		Player with the most... shots Johan Elmander 91 shots on target Johan Elmander 48 shots off target Johan Elmander 43 assists Chung-Yong Lee 8 crosses Matthew Taylor 76 fouls Kevin Davies 115 free-kicks-won Kevin Davies 65
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GAMES SINCE		
1	a win	5
3	a home win	2
0	an away win	5
0	a defeat	0
0	a home defeat	0
3	an away defeat	0
2	a score draw	12
4	a no score draw	18
0	conceding a goal	0
0	scoring a goal	1
0	conceding > 1	0
1	scoring > 1	1
1	keeping a clean sheet	7
4	failing to score	0
7	back to back wins	10
26	back to back defeats	0
1	gaining a point	5
0	losing a point	0
1	win by > one	7
6	loss by > one	0

SHARP SHOOTERS

QPR	FL Cup	Tot	Bolton	Prem Cup	Tot
Jay Bothroyd	18	2	20	Kevin Davies	8 2 10
Adel Taarabt	19	0	19	Ivan Klasnic	4 3 7
Troy Hewitt	14	3	17	Chung-Yong Lee	3 1 4

TEAM HEAD TO HEAD RECORD

Played24	QPR wins.....9	Bolton wins12
Draws3	Goals 40 (1.7 per game)	Goals 39 (1.6 per game)
0-0's0	Times failed to score 3	Times failed to score 5

Biggest League win at QPR for each team:
 01/05/1982 QPR 7-1 Bolton
 14/03/1970 QPR 0-4 Bolton

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PLAYER PERFORMANCE INDEX

QPR			BOLTON		
Rank	Name	Score	Rank	Name	Score
-	-	-	54	G Cahill	395
-	-	-	58	K Davies	390
-	-	-	83	J Elmander	357

Top three ranked players for each team

2010/11 LEAGUE STATS

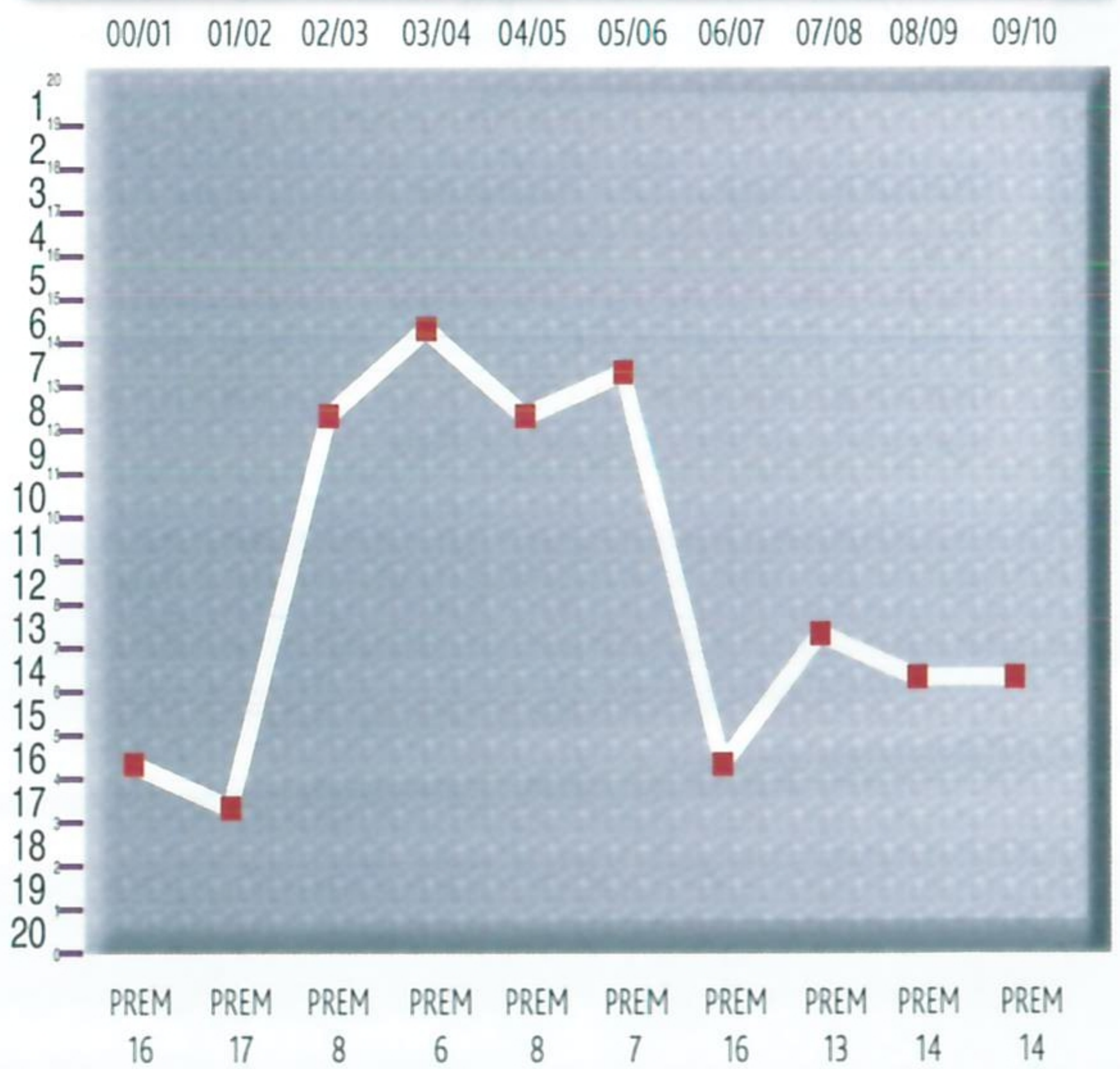


1	Position	14
46	Played	38
24	Won	12
16	Drawn	10
6	Lost	16
71	Goals For	52
32	Goals Against	56
88	Points	46



Record Against Top Half of Table							
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
8	10	4	3	4	4	12	15
Record Against Bottom Half of Table							
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
16	6	2	1	8	6	4	8
Record When Scoring First							
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
22	4	2	1	11	4	2	9
Record When Conceding First							
W	D	L	RANK	W	D	L	RANK
2	5	4	12	1	5	14	15

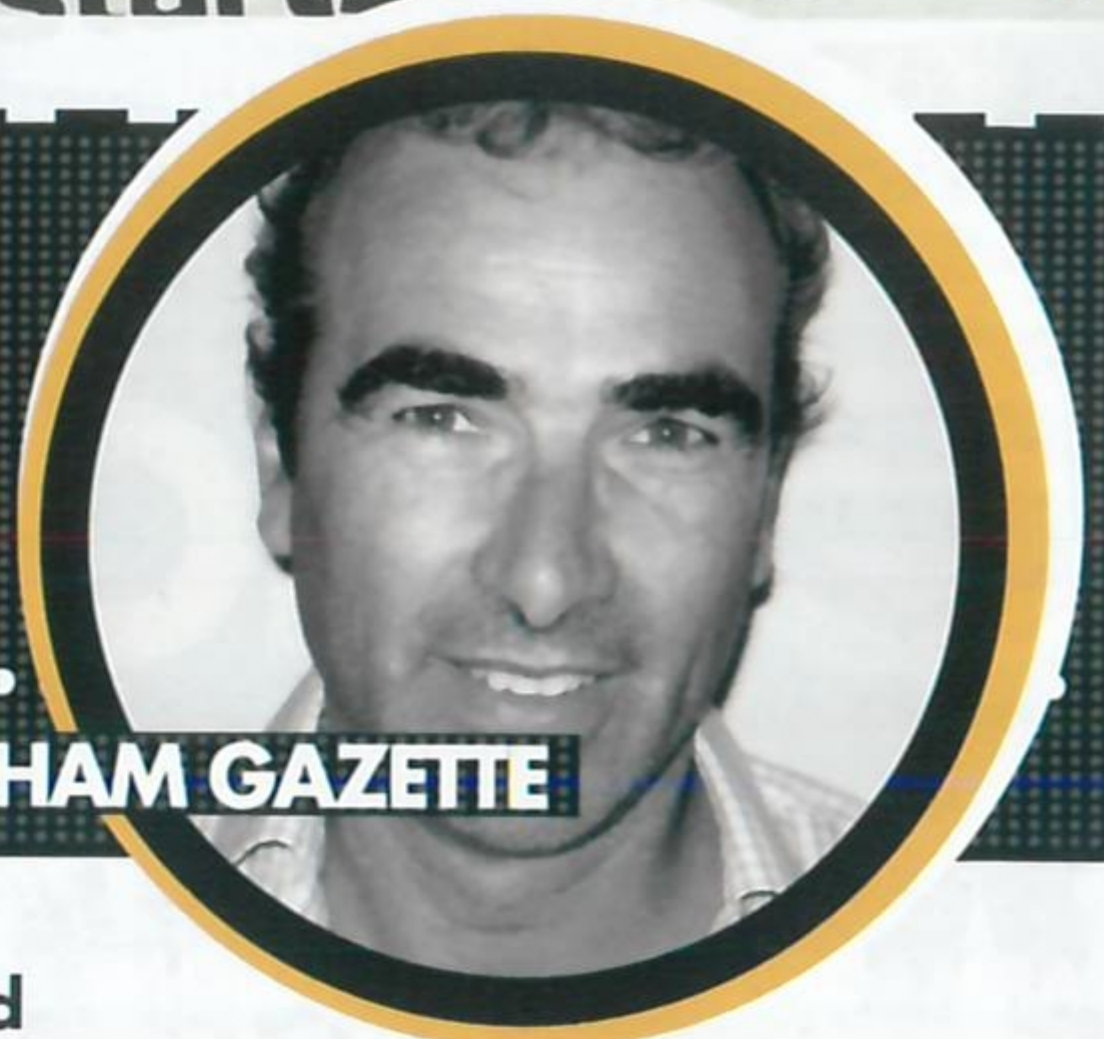
BOLTON – TEN SEASON RECORD



*up to and including 07/08/2011

MEDIAEYE

THIS WEEK: YANN TEAR OF THE HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM GAZETTE



Q. How do you feel about QPR's return to the Premier League?

A. Nostalgic. My mind will inevitably go back to those old Premier League days today and I will wonder (not for the first time) where all those years went. I'll also be genuinely excited. Opening days are great - but an opening day back in the top-flight is better still.

Q. What is the difference between the Championship and the Premier League?

A. I don't think the gap is as pronounced as it used to be. The really big gap is between the top six or so teams in the Premier League and the rest because of the vast reserves of wealth accumulated by the European elite. That said, new arrivals are still more readily punished for their mistakes than in the Championship and need to be quicker in thought and deed to cut it.

Q. What was your first ever published report on the R's?

A. It was a League Cup tie at home to Blackburn Rovers in the early 90s. I think Simon Barker may have scored the winner. I've still got the cutting somewhere in my attic. It felt a proud moment being bylined in a newspaper for a football report and I felt there would be no going back.

Q. What coverage does your media organisation give to Rangers?

A. More than newsprint alone can cope with. The advent of the web has been a god-send in that respect and helps us to get breaking news out to readers so much quicker. My old news editor used to demand 'every cough and splutter' and we do our best to ensure that if a blade of grass on the pitch has been cut too short, fans will know about it.

Q. What is the secret of good football journalism?

A. Still trying to find out, but I'd say it has something to do with total immersion in the lifestyle. You want to be informative and entertaining and a voice that readers trust and enjoy. You have to strive for originality rather than reach for the nearest cliché, but it's amazing how many are too lazy for that. You constantly have to be on your guard against inaccuracy, misinformation and the temptation to jump to conclusions.

Q. Your prediction for today with score?

A. Something like 1-1 maybe? That will sound rubbish if the Hoops storm to a 3-0 win, but opening day nerves may make Rangers happy just to get a point on the board.

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PR clinch title

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he won a penalty and
his own as the league
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blip.
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highway through the first
Alan Tate both





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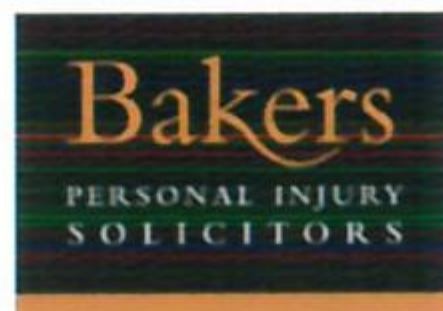
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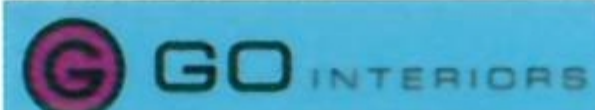
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POOLSPANEL

THROUGHOUT THE 2011/12 CAMPAIGN WE WILL PUT OUR PANEL OF EXPERTS ON THE SPOT BY ASKING THEM TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME OF THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES.

We will be awarding three points for the correct scoreline and one point for the correct result. There is room for you to play along as well - good luck!

THE PREDICTIONS

	AE	JE	PM	AB	MB	YOU...
BLACKBURN V WOLVES	2-1	1-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	
FULHAM V ASTON VILLA	1-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-0	
LIVERPOOL V SUNDERLAND	4-1	2-1	1-1	2-0	2-0	
MAN CITY V SWANSEA	4-1	2-0	2-0	4-0	2-0	
NEWCASTLE V ARSENAL	1-3	1-1	0-2	1-2	1-1	
QPR V BOLTON	2-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	1-0	
STOKE V CHELSEA	1-2	0-2	0-2	1-3	1-1	
TOTTENHAM V EVERTON	3-0	1-1	1-1	2-1	2-1	
WEST BROM V MAN UTD	0-1	0-1	0-2	1-3	0-2	
WIGAN V NORWICH	2-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	
Current scores	0	0	0	0	0	

MEET THE PANEL



Lifelong QPR fan and as you can see with his predictions today, loves a home banker!

ANDY EVANS

QPR IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST CEO



Our resident Northern lass certainly knows her footy! The dark horse in the race for honours this year.

JENNY ELLIOTT

BOX OFFICE MANAGER



The face of QPR Player – let's hope his predictions are as good as his interviews!

PAUL MORRISSEY

NEW MEDIA MANAGER



The man with the stats at his fingertips, but being an Arsenal fan you'd expect him to be all talk and no trophy come the end of the season!

ANDY BELK

PRO ZONE ANALYST



A Loftus Road legend as a player, can 'Birch' retain the crown?

MARC BIRCHAM

REIGNING CHAMPION

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT MANAGER

The pundit's predictions and odds on their scores.
This week QPR v Bolton...

ANDY EVANS - COMMUNITY TRUST CEO

QPR 2, BOLTON WANDERERS 1

17/2

JENNY ELLIOTT - BOX OFFICE MANAGER

QPR 1, BOLTON WANDERERS 0

11/2

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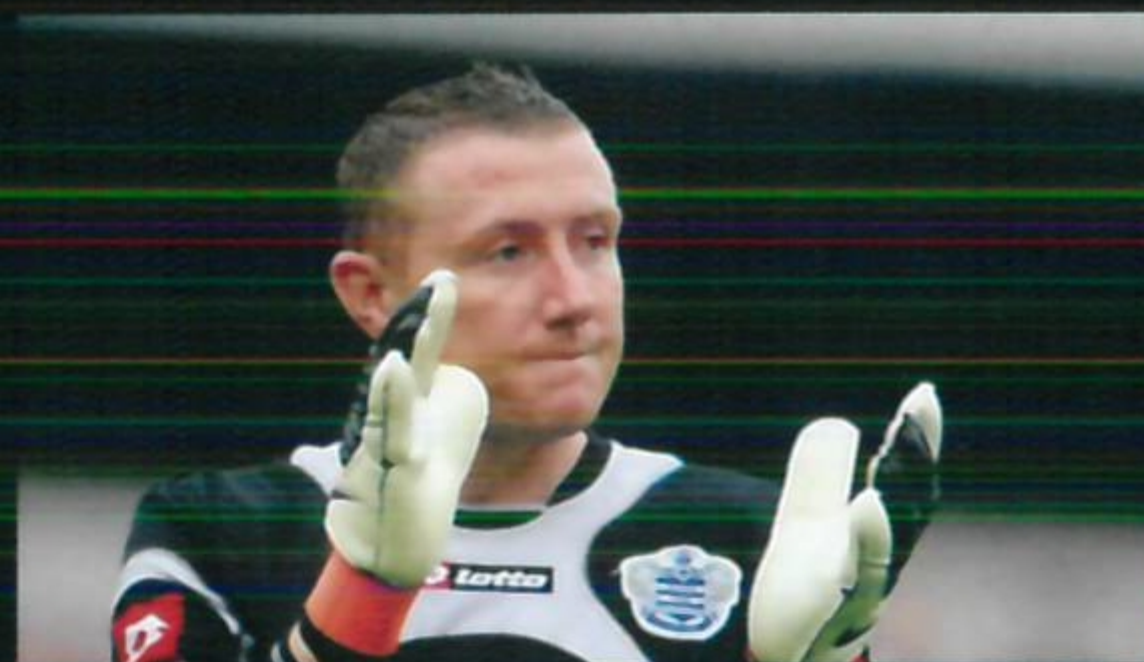
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SUMMER SIGNINGS

SPECIAL

'HOOPS' EDITOR IAN TAYLOR LOOKS BACK AT THE R'S SUMMER SIGNINGS... SO FAR!

**After a 15-year exile,
Rangers are back in the
Premier League.**

Times may have changed drastically since the 1995/96 season, but one thing remains a constant – the need to add to your squad once you make the step-up from the second tier to the top table of English football.

R's boss Neil Warnock had to bide his time in the opening few weeks of the summer transfer window, but no sooner than one came along, another followed shortly after.

London buses anyone?

Jay Bothroyd was the first signing through the Loftus Road entrance door, when the former Cardiff City man put pen to paper on a three-year deal in W12, just eight months or so after making his full England debut in a friendly against France at Wembley.

In signing for the R's, Bothroyd became the first full current England international to join the Club since Tony Currie in 1979.

JAY BOTHROYD

Position: Striker

DOB: 21.08.1982

Age: 28

Previous clubs:

Coventry, Perugia,
Blackburn (loan),
Charlton, Wolves,
Stoke City (loan),
Cardiff City

International

caps: England, 1





KIERON DYER

Position: Midfielder
DOB: 29.12.1978
Age: 32
Previous clubs: Ipswich, Newcastle, West Ham
International caps: England, 33

DANNY GABBIDON

Position: Defender
DOB: 08.08.1979
Age: 31
Previous clubs: West Brom, Cardiff, West Ham
International caps: Wales, 44

"KIERON'S HAD A LOT OF PROBLEMS, BUT HE'S GOT SOMETHING TO PROVE. HE'S A HELL OF A GOOD PLAYER AND I STILL THINK HE'S GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS WITH US."

Hours later on that memorable day of July 13th, another England ace, **Kieron Dyer**, penned a one-year contract, following his release from West Ham United at the end of last season.

Journalists reported it as a gamble bringing in what they perceived to be an 'injury-prone' midfielder; Neil Warnock – whose record in the transfer market has been quite exemplary over the last 18 months or so – clearly thought otherwise.

"When a player of Kieron's ability becomes available, you'd be crazy not to be interested," he said following the 32 year-old's arrival.

"He's had a lot of problems, but he's got something to prove. He's a hell of a good player and I still think he's got an opportunity to impress with us."

Various trialists came and went over the next week or so, before Warnock opted to swoop for another West Ham old-boy in the shape of **Danny Gabbidon** just prior to the R's pre-season tour of Italy towards the end of July.

Gabbidon – a player with vast Premier League experience – signed a one-year deal, taking Warnock's international additions for the summer to three, with the Welsh ace immediately bedding into a group still buzzing from last season's npower Championship title success.

The R's were made to wait until just last Thursday to add signing number four to their ranks, when **DJ Campbell** completed a remarkable homecoming to his boyhood Club by inking a two-year contract.

Campbell was one of the stand-out English strikers in the top-flight in 2010/11, but following Blackpool's demotion back to the

Championship, the strike-ace – who many believe warranted a call-up to the national side last season – made it clear he wanted to move on to pastures new.

Aston Villa and Sunderland, amongst others, showed serious interest, but – in the words of the man himself – "once Rangers came calling, my mind was made up!"

So, four new signings already and with hopefully a couple more to follow by the time this programme goes on sale for today's opening day showdown against Bolton Wanderers, it's been a highly profitable few months for Warnock and co.

Roll on January... more speculation; more rumours; more signings.

Don't you just love it!

DJ CAMPBELL

Position: Striker

DOB: 12.11.1981

Age: 29

Previous clubs:

Chesham, Stevenage, Yeading, Brentford, Birmingham, Leicester, Blackpool, Derby (loan)





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HEAD-2-HEAD RECORD

1st / 2nd refers to level within English football pyramid

Type	P	W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A		W	D	L	F	A
1ST	4	2	0	2	5	6	HOME	1	0	1	3	4	AWAY	1	0	1	2	2
2ND	20	7	3	10	35	33		6	1	3	20	10		1	2	7	15	23
Total	24	9	3	12	40	39		7	1	4	23	14		2	2	8	17	25

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS IN THE TOP-FLIGHT

Premier League/First Division

Season	Date	H/A	W/D/L	Score	Goalscorers	Gate
1978/79	02/12/1978	H	L	1-3	Harkouk	11,635
1978/79	07/04/1979	A	L	1-2	Goddard	21,119
1995/96	30/09/1995	A	W	1-0	Dichio	17,632
1995/96	16/12/1995	H	W	2-1	Osborn, Impey	11,456

1995

SIMON OSBORNE
TAKES ON BOLTON'S
SCOTT SELLARS



PLAYERS TRANSFERRED FROM BOLTON

Since WW2

Name	App	Sub	Goal	Month	Year	Fee
Heidar Helguson	50	11	19	11	2008	£750,000

PLAYERS TRANSFERRED TO BOLTON

Since WW2

Name	App	Sub	Goal	Month	Year	Fee
None	-	-	-	-	-	-

QPR v BOLTON WANDERERS

First Home Meeting

07/10/1967, Division 2,
Won 1-0 (Wilks),
Gate 16,848

Team: Springett, Clement,
Harris, Keen, Keetch, Hazell,
I.Morgan, Sanderson, Leach,
Wilks, R.Morgan; Sub used:
Hunt (for Sanderson)

First Away Meeting

24/02/1968, Division 2,
Drew 1-1 (R.Morgan),
Gate 14,733

Team: Springett, Clement,
Harris, Keen, Keetch, Hazell,
I.Morgan, Sanderson,
Clarke, Marsh, R.Morgan

Biggest (Margin) Win

7-1 (Gregory, Micklewhite,
Flanagan(2), Fenwick(pen),
Allen, Stainrod),
01/05/1982, Home,
Division 2

Most Goals in a Game

Lost 6-4 (Leach, Bridges,
Clement, Marsh),
29/11/1969, Away,
Division 2

Highest Home Gate
(all competitions)

16,848, 07/10/1967,
Division 2, Won 1-0 (Wilks)



TODAY'S OPPONENTS

BOLTON WANDERERS



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BOLTON Wanderers head into the new Barclays Premier League campaign buoyed by a fine 2010/11 season.

The Trotters enjoyed a fairytale FA Cup run, progressing all the way to the semi-finals, where they were eventually knocked out by Stoke City.

Their league form nose-dived somewhat after that Wembley exit, with five defeats on the spin, as Owen Coyle's men dropped out of the top 10 to eventually finish in 14th spot.

But in truth, that final league placing doesn't tell the full story.

Inspired by the form of skipper

Kevin Davies and Chelsea loanee Daniel Sturridge, Wanderers were a joy to watch last season, as Coyle's side further strengthened their ever-growing reputation in the world's top domestic league.

It's been all change since then, however, with the Wanderers gaffer releasing no fewer than four key players in the shape of Johan Elmander, Tamir Cohen, Joey O'Brien and J'lloyd Samuel, as well as selling Ali Al Habsi to Wigan Athletic.

Danny Ward and Matthew Taylor have also been sold to Huddersfield Town and West Ham United respectively, but on the flip-side, Coyle has so far signed Darren

"INSPIRED BY THE FORM OF SKIPPER KEVIN DAVIES AND CHELSEA LOANEE DANIEL STURRIDGE, WANDERERS WERE A JOY TO WATCH LAST SEASON, AS COYLE'S SIDE FURTHER STRENGTHENED THEIR EVER-GROWING REPUTATION"

Pratley and Nigel Reo-Coker on free transfers, as well as Chris Eagles and Tyrone Mears from his former Club Burnley for a joint fee in the region of £3million.

DID YOU KNOW?

Charles Foweraker is Wanderers' longest serving Manager of all-time. He was in the Burnden Park hot-seat for a remarkable 25 years between 1919 and 1944.

THE GAFFER

OWEN COYLE

THE appointment as Manager signalled a second coming at Bolton for Owen Coyle, who served as a Trotters player for two-and-a-half years between 1993 and 1995.

The 43 year-old Scot was an integral member of the squad that earned promotion to the Premier League in the 1994/95 season and indeed scored Wanderers' first goal in the dramatic 4-3 Play-Off Final victory over Reading at Wembley.

Bolton Wanderers was the only

English Club that Coyle represented in a playing career which spanned a total of 22 years.

When Bolton offered Coyle – the then Burnley boss – the opportunity to become Manager at the Reebok, the Scot accepted the latest challenge in his football career.

And he helped guide the Club to a 14th placed finish in his first five months in the role, before leading the Whites to an FA Cup semi-final last season.





TEAMGUIDE

GOALKEEPERS

#	NAME	AGE	NAT	APP	GLS
01	Adam Bogdan	23		0	0
22	Jussi Jaaskelainen	36		35	0
26	Robert Lainton	21		0	0

DEFENDERS

#	NAME	AGE	NAT	APP	GLS
02	Grétar Steinsson	29		23	1
03	Marcos Alonso	20		4	0
04	Paul Robinson	32		35	0
05	Gary Cahill	25		36	3
12	Zat Knight	31		34	1
15	Tyrone Mears	28		0	0
18	Sam Ricketts	29		17	0
31	David Wheeler	24		7	0
33	Mark Connolly	19		0	0
39	Joe Riley	19		0	0

MIDFIELDERS

#	NAME	AGE	NAT	APP	GLS
06	Fabrice Muamba	23		36	1
07	Chris Eagles	25		0	0
08	Stuart Holden	26		26	2
10	Martin Petrov	32		28	3
11	Ricardo Gardner	32		0	0
16	Mark Davies	23		0	0
19	Nigel Reo-Coker	27		0	0
21	Darren Pratley	26		0	0
23	Sean Davis	31		0	0
27	Chung-Yong Lee	23		31	3
37	Josh Vela	17		0	0
38	Adam Blakeman	20		0	0

FORWARDS

#	NAME	AGE	NAT	APP	GLS
14	Kevin Davies	34		38	8
17	Ivan Klasnic	31		22	4
20	Robbie Blake	35		8	1
34	Tom Eaves	19		0	0
35	Tope Obadeyi	21		0	0
36	Michael O'Halloran	20		0	0

*Appearances and goals for Bolton Wanderers 2010/11 season

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THE MAN BETWEEN THE STICKS JUSSI JAASKELAINEN GOALKEEPER

CONSISTENCY is a trait that supporters have come to expect from Club legend Jussi Jaaskelainen and that was once again apparent over the course of the 2010/11 season.

The Finnish stopper, who moved to the Trotters from his homeland in 1997, was rewarded for his loyalty with a testimonial in 2009, which took place against Scottish outfit Hibernian a week before the 2009/10 campaign.

Jaaskelainen made his 500th appearance for Bolton against Birmingham in an FA Cup quarter-final tie in March 2011.

During 2010/11, Jaaskelainen saved two penalties; against Carlton Cole of West Ham United at Upton Park and Ashley Young of Aston Villa at the Reebok Stadium.

Jaaskelainen is sure to be remembered as one of the best pound-for-pound signings in Wanderers' proud history after a remarkable stint as the Club's undisputed number one, and he was recognised for the loyalty when he received an Outstanding Achievement award at the 2011 Player of the Year Dinner.

The long-serving goalkeeper was a relative unknown when he joined the Club from VPS Vaasa in 1997 for what was a bargain £100k fee.

Jaaskelainen's contract at Bolton runs until the summer of 2012.

THE GIANT DEFENDER ZAT KNIGHT DEFENDER

ZAT Knight moved to the Reebok Stadium in July 2009, on the same day Wanderers also swooped for Sam Ricketts.



Standing at six foot six inches tall, Knight has a decade worth of Barclays Premier League experience, having gained promotion from Division One with Fulham in 2001.

The former England Under-21 international made a total of 181 appearances for the Cottagers, before moving to Aston Villa in August 2007, where he marked his debut with a headed goal against Chelsea.

The defender has also received full international recognition with England, earning caps against USA and Colombia in 2005.

During his two years with Bolton, Knight has been one of the first names on the Wanderers team sheet.

He has scored two goals to date for the Whites; the winner in the 1-0 home win over Wolves in February 2010 and the opener in the 2-2 draw with Manchester United at the Reebok in September of last year.

Knight was an ever present in the Bolton side under Owen Coyle's management up until February of 2011 when he was left sidelined for seven weeks after sustaining a knee injury in the 2-0 home victory over Everton.

THE HARD MAN GRETAR STEINSSON DEFENDER

GRETAR Steinsson completed his third full season at Bolton Wanderers in 2010/11, making 26 appearances in all competitions.

The Iclander was a mainstay at right-back, however, a couple of minor knee injuries kept him out of the team, most notably at the turn of the year.

Steinsson scored his only goal of the season in November against Tottenham Hotspur as Wanderers brought the Londoners back down to earth with a 4-2 win - just three days after Spurs had

DID YOU KNOW?

DJ Vernon Kay, boxer Amir Khan and comedian Paddy McGuinness are all staunch Wanderers supporters.





THE EXPERIENCED FRONT-MAN IVAN KLASNIC

STRIKER

CROATIAN international Ivan Klasnic re-signed for Wanderers on a permanent basis in the 2010 summer transfer window after spending the previous season on loan from Nantes.

He scored eight goals in his first year in English football, with his outstanding contribution coming



against Manchester City last November when the former Werder Bremen man claimed a superb brace of goals in an enthralling 3-3 draw.

In 2010/11, Klasnic was mainly deployed

as a substitute, but his goalscoring credentials helped Bolton earn important home league victories against Stoke City and Aston Villa.

The Hamburg-born man did earn a number of starts in the FA Cup, where he netted the decisive goals in the 1-0 wins over Wigan and Fulham in the fourth and fifth round ties respectively.

Klasnic has enjoyed a career predominantly in the German top-flight with Werder Bremen, with one year in French football with Nantes.

Having built his reputation at St Pauli, Klasnic joined Bremen, where he stayed for seven seasons. The front-man helped them win the Bundesliga during the 2003/04 campaign, and the following season had his first taste of Champions League football, scoring five goals during the group stage.

The vastly experienced striker has also found the net on 11 occasions for Croatia in 37 appearances, with two of those goals coming against Poland and Turkey at the 2008 European Championships.

beaten reigning Champions League holders Inter Milan.

A popular character both on and off the field, Steinsson joined Bolton for £3.5million in January 2008 from Dutch side AZ Alkmar. He had started his professional career with Icelandic side Akranes before later moving to Swiss outfit Young Boys in 2004.

During his time with Bolton, Steinsson has won the Community Player of the Year in both 2009 and 2010.

His presence in Wanderers' squad continues the Club's recent Icelandic tradition, following on from Eidur Gudjohnsen, Gudni Bergsson and Arnar Gunnlaugsson.

THE FIRST SUMMER SIGNING DARREN PRATLEY

MIDFIELDER

DARREN Pratley became Wanderers' first signing of the 2011/12 campaign after agreeing a deal with the Club following the expiration of his contract at newly-promoted Swansea City.

The box-to-box midfielder made 199 appearances for the South Wales Club, chipping in with a total of 31 goals.

His first appearance for Wanderers came on the Club's pre-season tour

of America, playing the opening 45 minutes of the fixture against FC Tampa Bay.

The 26 year-old looks set to add vital lung power to the Wanderers engine room in the 2011/12 season.



THE STAR MAN

KEVIN DAVIES

FORWARD

NO player epitomises Bolton's fighting spirit more than Kevin Davies, who has been a colossus since he joined the Club on a free transfer from Southampton in 2003.

And the long-serving frontman once again excelled in his second full season occupying the captain's armband.

Davies chipped in with crucial goals in crucial games, including a brace in the 4-2 victory over Tottenham Hotspur and a penalty in the 3-2 FA Cup quarter-final win over Birmingham City.

The former Chesterfield man started all 38 of the team's Premier League games.

The 2010/11 season also proved to be a landmark campaign for the 34 year-old as he earned his first England cap in the Euro 2012 qualifier against Montenegro in October.

When Kevin Nolan departed to Newcastle United in January 2008, the hugely respected striker was the natural choice to succeed him as captain, and he has carried out the role with typical enthusiasm ever since.

Davies notched his 50th goal for Bolton during the 2-1 home victory against West Ham in February 2009.

He was also the worthy winner of the 2009 Player of the Year award and, most recently, the 2011 Community Player of the Year accolade.



SCOUTING REPORT

WITH BRADLEY ALLEN



OWEN Coyle is certainly a Manager that I would like to have played for.

He's done a terrific job at Bolton considering he's still relatively young.

Owen was superb at Burnley and now he's been given his chance at the Reebok.

You've got to admire how he wants Bolton to play, but also the fact that he hasn't lost sight of the players at his disposal, whose certain qualities have served them well over the years – most notably the experienced Kevin Davies, who is the focal point of their attack.

He's been a great servant to the Club and has been a pivotal part of Bolton attack over the years. No doubt he'll go on to be just as influential this season.

Bolton now play through the midfield and are not as direct as they once were. Owen's management of that transition has been absolutely superb and he deserves great credit for that.

He's added to his squad in the summer, most notably with the captures of Chris Eagles – a player

Owen knows from his time at Bolton – and Darren Pratley.

Eagles in particular is a real flair player. The long and arduous nature of the Championship didn't always suit his game, but on his day he can be a match winner. They're both great additions.

The fact that Bolton now like to play football may well suit us.

We've certainly got to be cautious of their fast, counter-attacking football. They might look for us to control the tempo of the game and catch us on the break when the opportunity arises.

In our home games, we've got to try and be expansive. If you look at Blackpool's early season results last year, they went for it.

I think we'll go all guns blazing this afternoon – let's go for it.

KEYPLAYER KEVIN DAVIES

OUR defenders will know that they've been in a game after coming up against Davies. He is outstanding in the air. The man to watch from set plays.



DID YOU KNOW?

Bolton are nicknamed the Trotters because their former ground was near a pig farm and the stray balls kept ending up in the pig pen!

LIKELY LINE-UP



LEAGUE TIMELINE Last 10 years (Premier League unless stated)



NUMBERS GAME

28,101

The capacity of the
Reebok Stadium

45

The age of
Wanderers gaffer
Owen Coyle

14th

The Whites' final league position in the
2010/11 Barclays Premier League

188BET

The Trotters' current
shirt sponsors

1997

The year Bolton Wanderers
moved to their present Reebok
Stadium home

503

The number of appearances
the legendary Nat Lofthouse
made for the Trotters

5-0

The FA Cup semi-final
scoreline in their defeat to
Stoke City last season

CULTHERO

SASA CURCIC

1995-96

DESCRIBED as 'the Serbian George Best,' midfield playmaker Sasa Curcic was only with Wanderers during their ultimately doomed 1995/1996 Premier League campaign, yet the impact he made at the Club is still talked about to this very day.

Similar in stature and quality to pint-sized magician Luca Modric, it was former Bradford City Manager Chris Kamara who drew similarities with him and the late, great George Best, after he bagged a brace in a Cup tie against the Bantams.

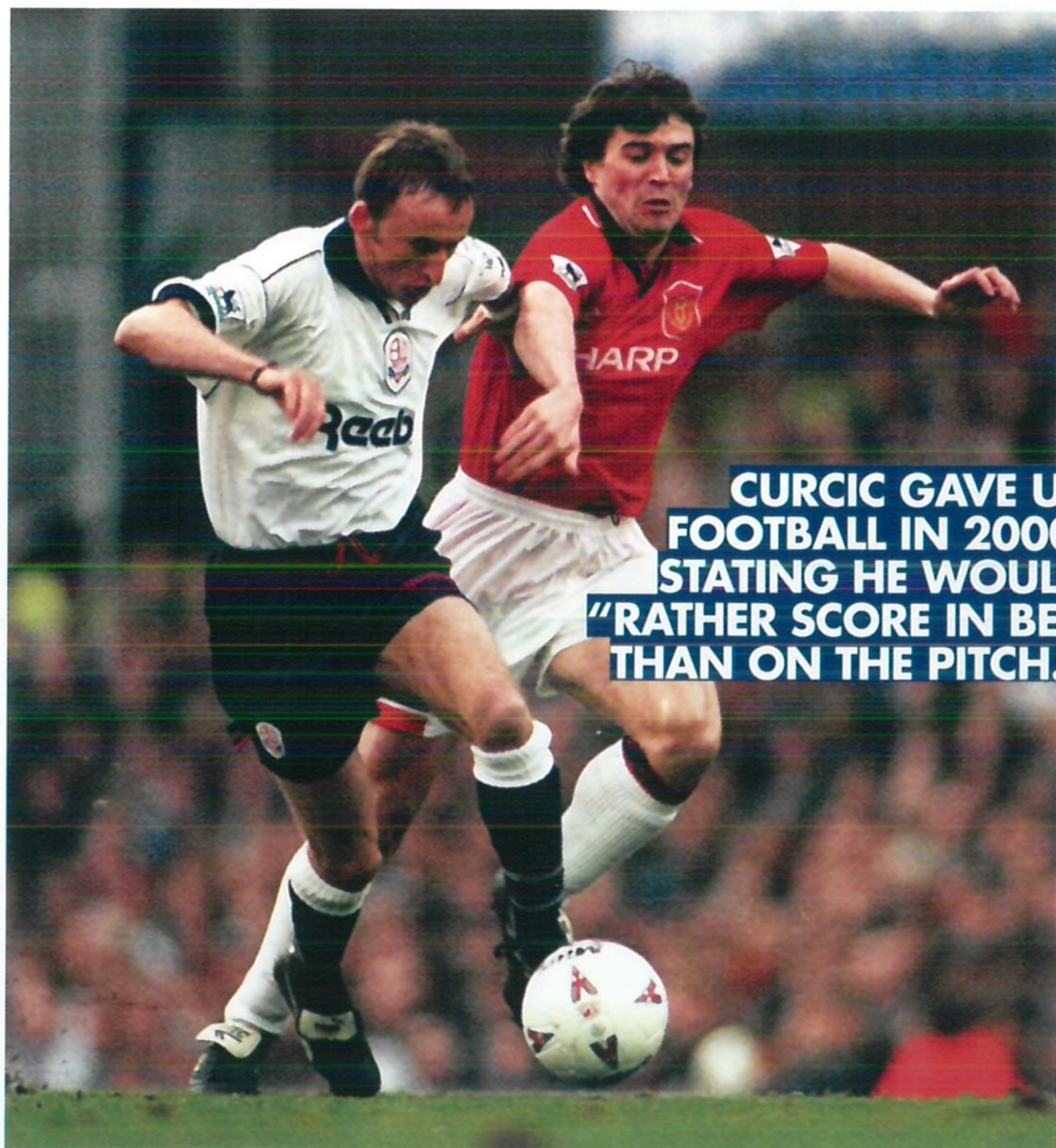
Curcic ended the season with seven goals in 33 appearances, before a summer move to Aston

Villa in a deal worth in excess of £4million.

The Serbian attacker quit football at the age of 27 in 2000, vowing he would never sign for another Club even if he was offered £10 million.

More recently, he won the Serbian version of Big Brother in 2007, having told a Yugoslav sports magazine in 2000 he 'gave up football because of sex' and stating he would 'rather score in bed than on the pitch.'

Curcic probably never fulfilled his undoubted potential following his virtuoso spell at Bolton, but his legend lives on for Trotters supporters.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

DAVE CLEMENT

A star of our famous team from the mid-1970s, Dave Clement was one of the best right-backs in the history of Queens Park Rangers.

CLEMENT was born in Battersea on February 2nd 1948.

He came up through the youth ranks at Loftus Road and signed professional in July 1965. His First Team debut came in our 5-1 home win over Scunthorpe United on April 8th 1967.

Clement went on to make 476 appearances for the R's and scored 28 goals – many featuring thunderous right-footed shots as he cut in after overlapping on the flank.

His attacking style fitted in with Manager Dave Sexton's brand of total football. This saw Rangers finish runners-up in the League in 1975/76 and then reach the UEFA Cup Quarter-Finals the following season.

Clement also won five full England caps as a QPR man

between March 1976 and February 1977.

When the best-ever Super Hoops team began to break up, Clement moved to Bolton Wanderers for £170,000 in June 1979 – playing 33 times for the Trotters without scoring.

He subsequently had brief spells with Fulham and Wimbledon, before a badly broken leg put him out of action for a long period.

Suffering from depression at this point and thinking that his playing career was over, Clement tragically took his own life on March 31st 1982 at the age of 34.

His son Neil has had a good professional career with West Bromwich Albion in recent years, retiring in 2010.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2005, a list of '50 Bolton Legends' was compiled by the Club as the result of a fan survey. Nat Lofthouse finished top of the list, with Jay Jay Okocha second and John McGinlay third.



MEMORABLE
MATCH



**QPR 7
BOLTON 1**

DIVISION TWO
Saturday 1st May 1982
Scorers: QPR – Gregory, Mickelwhite, Flanagan (2), Fenwick, Stainrod, Allen; Bolton – Henry



KEVIN DAVIES

BY IAN TAYLOR

TROTTERS hit-man Kevin Davies insists he and his team-mates will use the 'devastation' of losing Korean midfielder Lee Chung-Yong to injury as their inspiration to succeed in the 2011/12 Barclays Premier League campaign.

Lee suffered a double leg break in Bolton's friendly fixture against Newport County a fortnight ago and whilst Davies admits the whole squad were 'hit hard' by the midfielders loss, the Wanderers Club Captain is adamant his side will bounce back.

"Unfortunately injury is part and parcel of football," he told Hoops in an exclusive interview.

"It's a big setback for us, because Chungy is a top player and very popular with his fellow professionals.

"We all went to see him in hospital and he's trying to remain as positive as possible.

"We can't dwell on it for too long though. Yes, it's a big loss for us, but we've got a strong squad and great morale, so we'll need to focus as a group for the season ahead."

Davies was the catalyst for Bolton's 14th-place finish last term, scoring 10 goals in all competitions, as Wanderers also reached the FA Cup semi-final, before bowing out to Stoke City.

And the 34 year-old is looking forward to the new campaign, commenting: "Pre-season has gone pretty well and the squad is getting bigger and better.

"The Manager has made some good key additions.

"Any season in the Premier League is going to be difficult so we have to make sure that we hit the ground running."

Davies also reserved a warm Premier League welcome to the R's following our 15-year exile, adding: "I can't ever recall playing at Loftus Road, so I'm really looking forward to it.

"It's always nice to come up against newly-promoted sides and I'm sure the atmosphere will be great at Loftus Road all season, because the fans will be buzzing."

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NEXT AT HOME



**NEWCASTLE
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PREMIER LEAGUE
12.9.2011

THE last two Champions of the Football League go head-to-head in the R's next home fixture at Loftus Road.

Rangers welcome Newcastle United – who won the second tier title in 2009/10 – to W12 on Monday 12th September, for our first Sky live Premier League match of the new campaign.

Loftus Road has proved to be a happy hunting ground for the Geordies in recent outings.

The Toon Army ran out narrow 1-0 winners on their last visit to W12 to round off their Championship-winning campaign of two years ago, whilst their last Premier League showdown with the R's at Loftus Road resulted in a 3-2 win.

QPR old-boy Les Ferdinand was amongst the scorers that day, in a five-goal thriller in October 1995.

ON THE ROAD



EVERTON

GOODISON PARK
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
20.08.2011



The season ahead: Everton begin their 2011/12 Barclays Premier League campaign with a trip to Tottenham Hotspur today. David Moyes' men travel to White Hart Lane having, so far at least, failed to land any signings in the summer transfer window. For that reason alone, Moyes will again have to rely heavily on seasoned professionals Mikel Arteta, Tim Cahill and Phil Neville in a bid to fight for the European places in the top half of the Premier League.

Key player: Mr Experienced, Mr Versatile – call him what you want, Phil Neville is the cog in the Everton wheel that makes the Toffees tick. Equally adept in defence as he is in midfield, Neville – the younger brother of former Manchester United great, Gary – epitomises the never-say-die spirit that Moyes' sides are renowned for. A former England international, the 34 year-old Club Captain will have a vital role to play for the Toffees this season.

How to get there:

Sat Nav: L4 4EL

By Train: Kirkdale station is the closest to the ground (just under a mile away). However, it may be more advisable to go to Sandhills Station as this has the benefit of a bus service to the ground, which runs for a couple of hours before the game and around 50 minutes after the final whistle. The bus drops you off within easy walking distance of Goodison. Both Sandhills & Kirkdale stations can be reached by first getting a train from Liverpool Lime Street to Liverpool Central and then changing there for Kirkdale. The main railway station in Liverpool is Lime Street which is over three miles from the ground and is really too far to walk (although it is mostly downhill on the way back to the station), so either head for Kirkdale station or jump in a taxi.

Record v Everton (all competitions): QPR wins 14, Draws 10, Everton wins 20





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LATEST INFORMATION



EVERTON (AWAY)

SATURDAY 20TH AUGUST 2011 – KICK-OFF 3PM
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

250 PADDOCK TICKETS REMAINING, PRICED: £34 Adult, £21 Senior Citizen (Over 65) and £17 Junior Under-16.

200 RESTRICTED VIEW LOWER BULLENS STAND TICKETS REMAINING, PRICED: £30 Adult, £18.50 Senior Citizen (Over 65) and £14.50 Junior Under-16.

TICKETS: Tickets now on general sale. Tickets will be on sale until 5pm on Thursday 18th August. Please note this match is ALL TICKET and no tickets will be available on the day - we advise to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are subject to availability.

COACH TRAVEL: The coach departs at 8.30am from Loftus Road and 9am from the Target Roundabout (lay-by next to Texaco/McDonald's), priced: £31 Adult, £20 Senior / Young Adult and £18 Junior. Adult Season Ticket holders receive a £2 discount on away travel and Junior, Senior and Young Adult Season Ticket holders receive a £1 discount on away travel.

LOYALTY POINTS: Five Loyalty Points awarded for this fixture. Tickets must be purchased in advance to gain the Loyalty Points.



WIGAN ATHLETIC (AWAY)

SATURDAY 27TH AUGUST 2011 – KICK-OFF 3PM
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

4,000 TICKETS PRICED: £20 Adult, £15 Senior (Over 65), £15 Junior Under-16 and £15 Disabled / Ambulant with the carer free of charge.

TICKETS: Tickets now on general sale. Tickets will be on sale until 5pm on Thursday 25th August. Any unsold tickets will be returned to the DW Stadium for sale on the day – subject to availability.

COACH TRAVEL: The coach departs at 8.30am from Loftus Road and 9am from the Target Roundabout (lay-by next to Texaco/McDonald's), priced: £32 Adult, £21 Senior / Young Adult and £19 Junior. Adult Season Ticket Holders receive a £2 discount on away travel and Junior, Senior and Young Adult Season Ticket Holders receive a £1 discount on away travel.

LOYALTY POINTS: Seven Loyalty Points awarded for this fixture. Tickets must be purchased in advance to gain the Loyalty Points.



NEWCASTLE UNITED (HOME) **SKY SPORTS**

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2011 – KICK-OFF 8PM
BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

CATEGORY B TICKETS: Tickets now on sale to Members (including Season Ticket holders with the Super Hoop upgrade).

Tickets for this fixture will go on general sale from Monday 15th August at 9am – subject to availability.

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IN THIS NEW FEATURE IN THE MATCHDAY PROGRAMME, WE INVITE READERS TO SEND IN THEIR LONG LOST TREASURES AND SHARE A QUEENS PARK RANGERS MOMENT...
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WE start the season with an interesting old photo submitted by R's supporter Keith Young taken with his hero Stan Bowles in the 1970s.

Keith told Hoops: "I have been a fan for 49 years - having first been brought to Loftus Road when I was five.

"As a teenager I was very lucky to be able to bunk off school and watch QPR train just by the Polish war memorial in Ruislip. The photo I've sent in was taken when I was 18. Friday was always a good day and you could watch the players perfecting set-pieces.

"I remember one particular match at Loftus Road where I said to the guy next to me at a free-kick that 'Francis will step over the ball, Thomas will cross for Webb coming from deep at the far post to nod in' ... and that's exactly what happened!

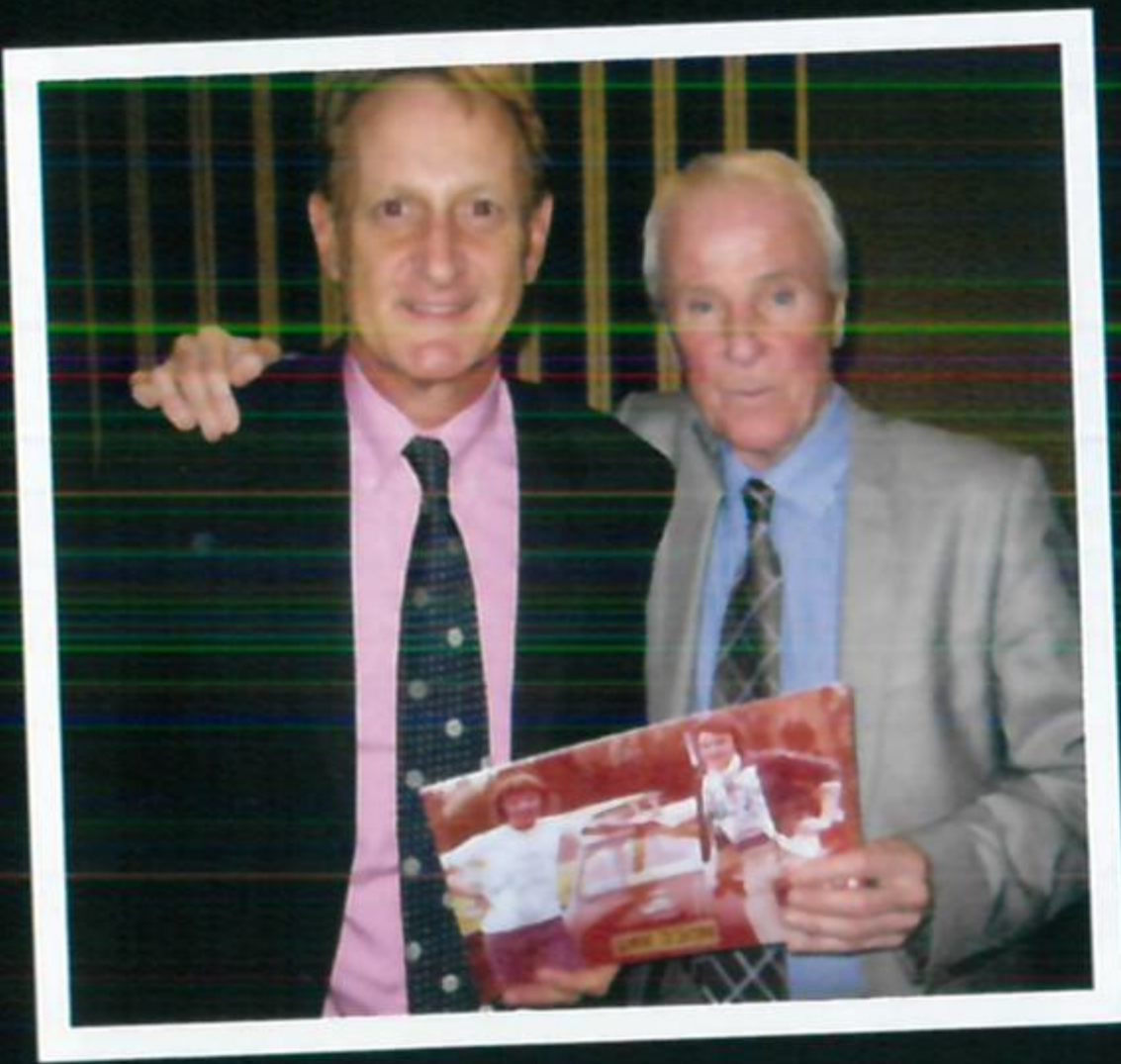
"All the players were very approachable with my idol being Stan Bowles. Even my car was called 'Stanley' (you can just about see the back window that had photos and stickers).

"My girlfriend at the time (now my wife of 30 years!) took the shot with an instamatic camera. I was so anxious until the film was processed that she'd missed the opportunity or taken a picture of her finger!

"I was fortunate enough to meet Stan again at the 'Legends Evening' towards the end of last season and to replicate the photo taken over 35 years ago."

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**THIS WEEK:
THE DAY I
MET MY
IDOL!**



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Plaque unveiling success

R'S LEGEND Stan Bowles was in attendance, as the Club marked the 125-year anniversary since two sides amalgamated to form Queens Park Rangers with a plaque unveiling this summer at St. Jude's Hall - QPR's original headquarters.

The event in Queen's Park proved to be a resounding success, with the Rangers faithful turning out in force to mark the milestone of a merger between St. Jude's Institute and Christ Church Rangers.

Both teams amalgamated in 1886, after George Wodehouse Snr - founder of Christ Church Rangers - suggested that both Clubs combine forces following a match between the two sides.

Speaking at the event, former R's number 10 Bowles spoke of his pride at being asked to unveil the plaque, saying: "It's a great honour, as QPR is very special to me."





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"I used to hang around Queen's Park when I was younger, so I know it well.

"I had no idea this was QPR's original home, so I think this is a fantastic idea to mark the spot."

The event was largely pieced together by the QPR in the Community Trust - who also sponsored the plaque.

"IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT, AS A CLUB, WE'RE COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH WORK AND RECOGNISE THAT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF WHAT A FOOTBALL CLUB SHOULD BE DOING."

Trust CEO Andy Evans continued: "When I looked at the crowd here for the unveiling of the plaque, there were so many individuals present that I've known over the years, who are QPR fans.

"So many of them have actually got roots in Queen's Park. QPR really is part of this area and so many people that care about the Club have links to it.

"It's very important that, as a Club, we're committed to community outreach work and recognise that this is an important part of what a Football Club should be doing."

Westminster Council's deputy leader Robert Davis added: "It is a great pleasure to mark the birthplace of Queens Park Rangers and the Club's ties with this area of Westminster.

"With their rise into the Premier League this coming season, I can't think of a better time to do this.

"The plaque serves as a reminder of how, through hard work and dedication, grassroots sports can blossom.

"Hopefully it will inspire a generation of young footballers in Westminster to follow in the footsteps of the likes of Les Ferdinand, Rodney Marsh and Stan Bowles."

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LADIES RELISHING START OF NEW CAMPAIGN

Q PR LADIES are now well into pre-season training, as they prepare to kick-off their season next Sunday (August 21st).

Rangers have been handed home comfort with a fixture against Gillingham on the opening day of the campaign.

Kick-off is 2pm at AFC Hayes, Farm Park, Kingshill Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex, UB4 8DD.

Ahead of the new season, Ladies Manager Martino Chevannes said: “As with every Club, this is an extremely important time for us as a group.

“Good planning and preparation is vital and this will have a major say on how we start the new season.

“Ahead of the new league campaign, both myself and my backroom staff have to ensure that the players are in prime condition both physically and technically, as well as keeping an eye of their mentality.

“We have made a couple of good additions to the squad but I am still hopeful of bringing in another two or three quality, experienced players to both strengthen the side and give us that much needed strength in depth.

“So far the players have worked extremely hard in training, as well as responding well to the innovative methods of our recently appointed Strength and Conditioning Coach James Finn.

“We have had a couple of pre-season games so far, the first one against the Prison Service Women’s rep side, which we won 2-1, followed by AFC Wimbledon, where we recorded a fine 7-2 victory.

“The squad have recently returned from a pre-season training camp in Jersey which was very beneficial to all and gave us an opportunity to

work more closely and intensively with the group.

“These camps are also great for team building and bonding, whilst we played two very competitive matches against the Jersey national women’s team, winning the first 4-0 and the second encounter 3-0.

“Between now and the start of the season we have games lined-up against West Brom and Barnet, then we will have one other match to play before our first league game.

“This should give me plenty of time to finalise my squad and get a good idea of my starting 11 come our first game.

“Our aim this season is to be pushing for promotion to the National Division.

“There will be more competition for places this season, which can only be a good thing and should, in turn, bring out the best in both the players’ and the team’s performance. There will be no room for complacency – nobody’s place in the side will be guaranteed.”

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2011/12

AUGUST

Sun 21	GILLINGHAM	H	-
Sun 28	Colchester United	A	-

SEPTEMBER

Sun 4	TOTTENHAM H.	H	-
Sun 11	Millwall	A	-
Sun 18	Keynsham Town	A	-
Sun 25	PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	H	-

OCTOBER

Sun 2	West Ham United	A	-
Sun 9	PORTSMOUTH	H	-
Sun 16	Brighton & HA	A	-
Sun 23	Gillingham	A	-
Sun 30	COLCHESTER UTD	H	-

NOVEMBER

Sun 6	Tottenham Hotspur	A	-
Sun 13	MILLWALL	H	-
Sun 20	KEYNSHAM TOWN	H	-
Sun 27	Plymouth Argyle	A	-

DECEMBER

Sun 4	WEST HAM UNITED	H	-
Sun 11	Portsmouth	A	-
Sun 18	BRIGHTON & HA	H	-

LEAGUE TABLE 2010/11

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Charlton Athletic	18	11	3	4	18	36
Cardiff City	18	11	3	4	7	36
West Ham United	18	10	3	5	12	33
Portsmouth FC	18	10	1	7	3	31
Keynsham Town	18	9	3	6	4	30
Colchester United	18	6	3	9	-1	21
Brighton & HA	18	5	4	9	-10	19
QPR	18	5	3	10	-10	18
Gillingham	18	5	2	11	-10	17
Yeovil Town	18	3	5	10	-13	14



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TROPHY TIME

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ATALANTA AND BRAGA DURING OUR
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QUEENS PARK RANGERS' GREATEST GOALS



#1

TOMMY LANGLEY

V BOLTON WANDERERS - 11TH OCTOBER 1980

TOMMY LANGLEY'S quicksilver strike at home to Bolton Wanderers on October 11th 1980 is officially the fastest goal in the history of Queens Park Rangers Football Club. It was timed at 10 seconds!

Langley recalls: "I'll never forget that goal and there is an interesting story behind how it happened.

"Tommy Docherty was Manager of QPR at the time and he told us that he wanted to put the opposition under pressure from the opening seconds. The 'Doc' said he was fed up with us losing possession as soon as we kicked off. Therefore we decided during the week that we should get the ball forward as quickly as we

possibly could from the start.

"So we worked on a few moves in training and it was shaping up well. Then a couple of days before the game, Tommy Doc got the sack and Chief Scout Derek Healy was placed in temporary charge.

"However, we all agreed to try the new kick-off routine anyway. So Tony Currie launched a high pass, Stevie Burke got into their half and jumped above a defender to flick it on.

"I kept on running and the ball bounced very nicely on the edge of the box at the Loft End. I didn't have many options as all my team mates were way behind me. I instinctively decided to shoot with my left foot

and it flew into the corner of the net.

"My missus was just getting her first meat pie of the afternoon and was walking up to the stands so she missed it! Some reports say the goal was after 10 seconds but I like to think it was more like six seconds!"

Brian Kidd equalised for Bolton in the 63rd minute that day. But with four minutes to go, Rangers full-back Don Shanks was floored by Bolton's Phil Wilson in the box and Steve Burke converted the penalty.

Dean Neil sealed our 3-1 win with a tap-in during the last few seconds after Shanks and Andy King had carved open the visiting defence.

The attendance for this Division Two fixture was 8,641.



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SEASON 2010/11

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“The focus has been on our opening league match against Luton this week. We’re ready. The lads are in confident mood – we’re all happy.”



READY FOR KICK-OFF

BY THE time QPR’s First Team kick-off the new Barclays Premier League season against Bolton this afternoon, Steve Gallen’s Under-18s would have already contested their first fixture of the league campaign.

Gallen’s Youth Alliance League Champions recently returned home after competing in the ‘Yale Eurofoot 2011,’ an Under-19 tournament which included some of Europe’s top Clubs.

Tottenham, Shakhtar Donetsk, FC Copenhagen and Standard Liege were all involved in the competition, which saw two groups of six compete for places in the semi-finals and final.

Speaking exclusively to ‘Hoops’ ahead of the new campaign, Gallen said: “The tournament and standard was excellent.

“The teams we played against were very good. We lost our first two games to Club Brugge and Shakhtar Donetsk.

“Shakhtar only lost the final on penalties, while Club Brugge finished third.

“We lost 1-0 to Brugge but gave them a great game – at times we matched them.

“We finished 11th from 12 teams but we had a very young

side out there.

“Some people may look at where we finished and be disappointed but I wanted to go with the younger lads for the experience.

“We’ll do better next year and I definitely want to go back.”

Gallen continued: “I know the Head of Youth at Tottenham very well. They’ve been going to Belgium for nine years now and he told me that they used to get thumped when they first went out there.

“The European style of football is so different to what we’re used to.

“Spurs have got better year upon year and that’s what I aim to do. They won the tournament this time around.

“We have to enter as many of these tournaments as possible now.

“That will really help the boys’ development. I’m going to work very hard in the coming months to make sure that we’re playing against that type of opposition regularly, because we need to.”

A home tie with Luton Town represented the R’s first match of the league season this morning and, prior the Hatters’ visit to Harlington, Gallen added: “The focus has been on our opening league match against Luton this week.

“We’re ready. The lads are in confident mood – we’re all happy.

“Losing games is rare for the lads. We went eight unbeaten before we went out to Belgium.

“But the lads have to learn and taste winning, losing and drawing. We’ll do our best this season.

“Luton have got a good set-up and a great set of lads.

“Greg Broughton, who is their Head of Youth, does a fantastic job and we won’t be underestimating the task in front of us.”



FIXTURES & RESULTS 2011/12

AUGUST

Sat 13	LUTON TOWN	H	-
Sat 20	Brentford	A	-
Sat 27	Colchester Utd	A	-

SEPTEMBER

Sat 3	WYCOMBE W	H	-
Sat 10	PETERBOROUGH	H	-
Sat 24	BARNET	H	-

OCTOBER

Sat 1	Northampton	A	-
Sat 8	SOUTHEND (YAC)	H	-
Sat 15	Colchester Utd (YAC)	A	-
Sat 22	LEYTON ORIENT (YAC)	H	-
Sat 29	Gillingham (YAC)	A	-

NOVEMBER

Sat 5	DAG & RED (YAC)	H	-
Sat 12	COLCHESTER UTD	H	-
Sat 19	Wycombe W	A	-
Sat 26	Stevenage Boro’	A	-

DECEMBER

Sat 3	(YAC 2)	-	-
Sat 10	Peterborough	A	-

JANUARY

Sat 7	Barnet	A	-
Sat 14	NORTHAMPTON	H	-
Sat 21	(YAC 3)	-	-
Sat 28	STEVENAGE BORO’	H	-

FEBRUARY

Sat 4	Luton Town	A	-
Sat 11	BRENTFORD	H	-
Sat 18	ALDERSHOT	H	-
Sat 25	Brighton	A	-

MARCH

Sat 3	GILLINGHAM	H	-
Sat 10	Dagenham & Red	A	-
Sat 17	CRAWLEY TOWN	H	-
Sat 24	Millwall	A	-
Sat 31	LEYTON ORIENT	H	-

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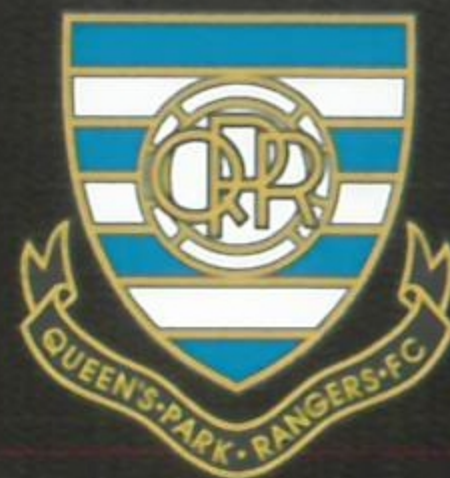
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Sat 21	SOUTHEND	H	-

LEAGUE TABLE 2010/11

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
QPR	22	16	4	2	+35	52
Millwall	22	16	1	5	+23	49
Wycombe	22	12	3	7	+11	39
Brentford	22	11	5	6	+17	38
Leyton Orient	22	11	4	7	+15	37
Colchester	22	11	4	7	+13	37
Peterborough	22	9	4	9	-3	31
Southend	22	9	3	10	+6	30
Stevenage	22	9	3	10	-7	30
Luton Town	22	9	1	12	-6	28
Brighton	22	8	4	10	-9	28
Aldershot	22	7	4	11	-11	25
Gillingham	22	6	5	11	-11	23
Barnet	22	7	2	13	-20	23
Northampton	22	5	3	14	-27	18
Dag & Red	22	4	2	16	-26	14



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Francis shows h

IS QPR'S YOUNG CAPTAIN READY
TO TAKE OVER ENGLAND TOO?

Sexton plan will help his chances

Queen's Park Rangers 2 Liverpool 0

DAD WAS making the half-time tea as young Gerry popped in the goal which did no harm at all to his bid for the England captaincy.

Roy Francis, once a stalwart professional at Brentford, is now kit man and kindness itself to the players of Queen's Park Rangers. A father figure if ever there was one.

Gerry Francis, captain and midfield organiser with an England career unfolding before him, now needs less looking after than most of the team.

So father and son simply go about their business. Roy happy to be part of the back-room team and proud of Gerry, who is in front of a 27,000 crowd and loving every minute of the conquest of Liverpool.

If he is England captain when Don Revie's team take the field in Switzerland on September 3, Francis will be a symbol of the shift in emphasis and power in our Soccer.

Progressive

Saturday's first game at Shepherd's Bush was at the heart of the struggle between the crumbling establishment and their precocious challengers. Francis was just one of the reasons why the First Division season opened with a rush of goals, a flurry of surprises and a burst of entertainment.

Francis scored the first goal, made the second, played for the team in the intelligent, attacking manner Revie expects and led by word of mouth and example.

Perhaps most pertinently of all, he conducted the post-

By JEFF POWELL

match interviews with dignity: 'I'm flattered at being discussed as a future England captain. I hope I can help Rangers achieve success this season.'

Nothing wrong with any of that, as England's manager will have noted from BBC Television's first League Match of the Day.

There may well have been something wrong with QPR's goals. Francis looked to me a shade offside when he collected a return pass from Don Givens a minute before half time.

A linesman's flag was overruled by referee John Yates when substitute Mick Leach shouldered between Phil Neal and Phil Thompson to head in Francis's 72nd-minute cross.

Liverpool manager Bob Paisley made tongue-in-cheek references to a lat substitute linesman being a Rangers fan and was concerned that some of his players forsook his



It's a minute to half-time . . . QPR fans salute a goal by Gerry

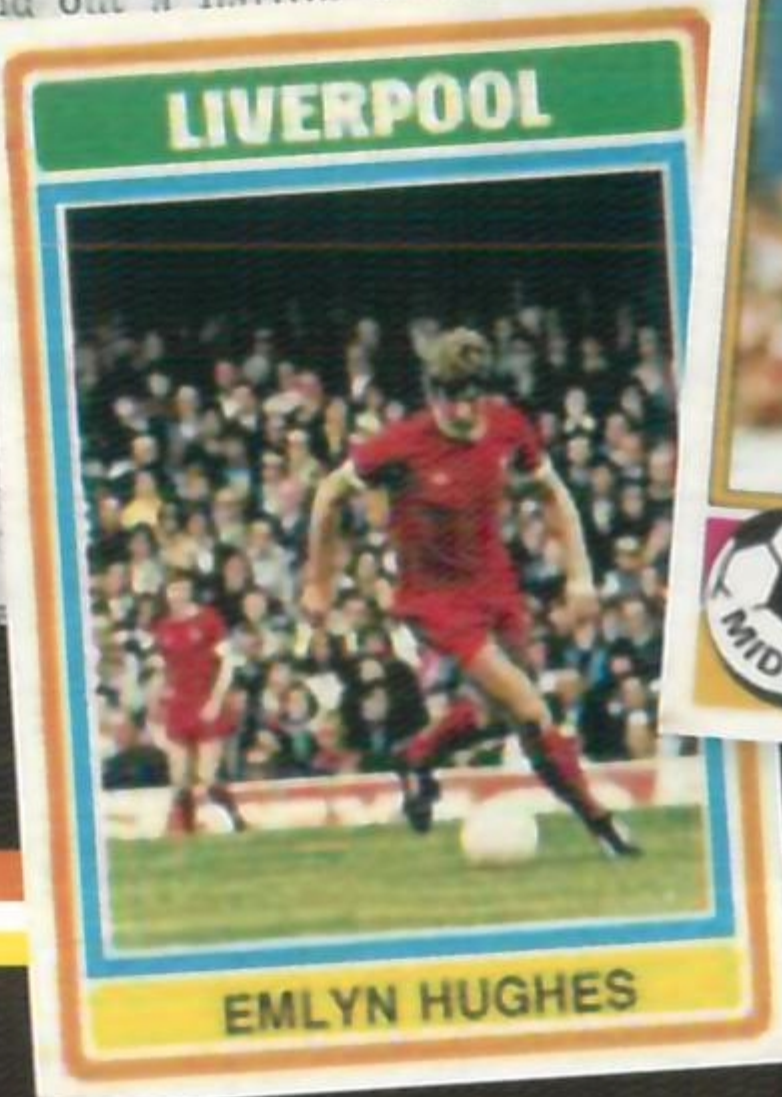
battle plan and charged off to try to do everybody else's job, including selling the programmes.'

So what? The new morality in the game, as well as old-fashioned justice, was served by QPR's first competitive victory over Liverpool.

Example

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EMLYN HUGHES





SQUEEZE . . . and it's Liverpool's Ian Callaghan and Emyln Hughes who felt the pinch from Mick Leach and his QPR mates.
PICTURE: ARTHUR EDWARDS

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 1975

QUEENS PARK RANGERS 2 LIVERPOOL 0

GERRY FRANCIS rattled home the BBC1 'Goal Of The Season' as Queens Park Rangers got off to a winning start on the opening day of the 1975/76 campaign.

It was a warm and sunny afternoon in West London and the pitch resembled a springy green carpet. More than 27,000 spectators packed into Loftus Road to watch the game along with the 'Match Of The Day' cameras.

After some exciting early exchanges, the Super Hoops drew first blood a minute before half-time. It was a savagely incisive move that bore all the hallmarks of deep-thinking Rangers Manager Dave Sexton. In fact, Liverpool failed to touch the ball from the moment that home keeper Phil Parkes rolled out his clearance.

Don Masson took up possession 15 yards outside the R's penalty area and caressed a low pass forward to Stan Bowles. Meanwhile, the QPR drummer began an intimidating beat in the crowd. A deft back heel by Bowles on the halfway line found Gerry Francis.

He prodded it to Don Givens in the Liverpool half and then pounded on.

Measuring the return with deadly accuracy, Givens clipped the ball back into Francis' stride. Now completely clear of the last defender, England star Francis struck a crisp drive into the bottom left-hand corner at the School End.

Francis turned provider on 71 minutes when he crossed for substitute Mick Leach to dive between Liverpool defenders Phil Neal and Phil Thompson to head home a decisive second goal. The linesman raised his flag for an infringement as the ball nestled in the net but he was overruled by referee John Yates.

It was our first-ever win over Liverpool and the first time Queens Park Rangers had won an opening day fixture in the top-flight.

QPR: Phil Parkes, Dave Clement, Ian Gillard, John Hollins (Mick Leach 30), Frank McLintock, David Webb, Dave Thomas, Gerry Francis, Don Masson, Stan Bowles, Don Givens.

Attendance: 27,113

PRESS GANG

Alan Hoby in the Sunday Express...

"Here was the brand of attractive entertaining football we all want to see in this 'make or break' season for English Soccer. Attack, sophisticated and saucy. This was the Rangers motto flaunted for all to see.

"With Stan Bowles and Don Masson the twin masters of Rangers' brand of football, I thought at times I was watching a top Continental side. Mixed cleverly with the short slide-rule pass was the long killer ball. It was often lovely stuff as the ball squirted accurately around in all directions."

Jeff Powell in the Daily Mail...

"Manager Dave Sexton, always amongst the most progressive tacticians in Britain, has his team springing sharp strikes from artistic possession football."

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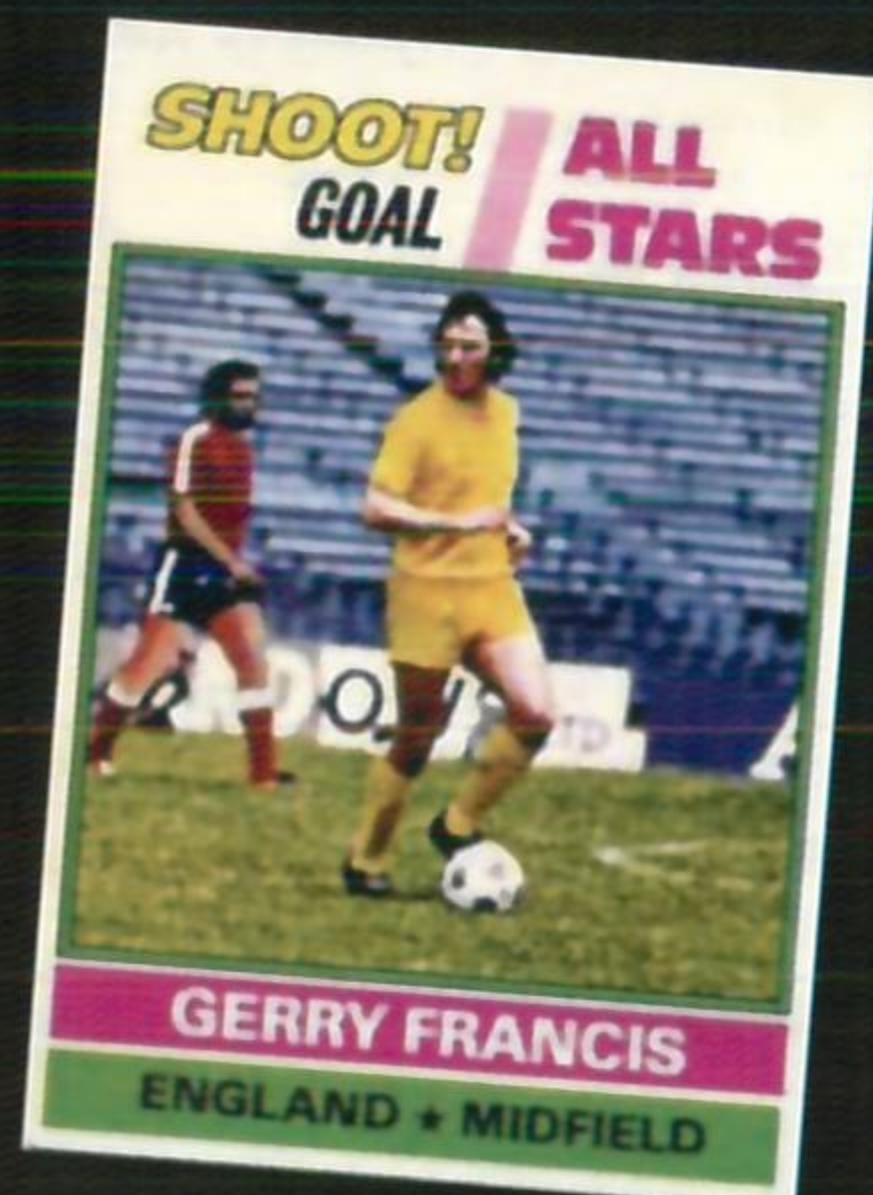
HEADLINE MAKER GERRY FRANCIS

AT the age of 23, Gerry Francis was named as the new Captain of England this week after only four full appearances for his country.

England Manager Don Revie said: "I had a long chat with Gerry about 10 days ago and decided that he had the perfect approach for the captaincy.

"Gerry thinks about the game in the same way as I do. He's got the right character, he's brave and I believe he will get tremendous respect from the other England players. He has the ability and the know-how.

"Gerry has an extremely good grounding. He is fortunate to have played under good captains at QPR like Terry Venables and Frank McLintock. He will be my skipper for all our matches this season."



MAN OF THE MOMENT

The time when you know you've really become someone in the soccer world. New England skipper, Gerry Francis, is interviewed at our South Ruislip training ground by 'on the Ball's' Brian Moore. (Photo: John Brough).

QUEENS PARK RANGERS 1 ASTON VILLA 1

AN injury-ravaged Rangers side secured a point in this hard-fought affair at Loftus Road.

The R's started the match without centre-half David Webb, who was ruled out just before the start with an Achilles tendon injury. So young striker Ron Abbott took his place, filling in as an emergency defender.

Then early in the second period, Frank McIntock limped off with a twisted ankle to further decimate the centre of defence and Mick Leach had to drop back from midfield.

Even so, QPR opened the scoring on 59 minutes. Stan Bowles broke through the middle and set up Gerry Francis, who lashed a fierce angled drive into the net.

But with 15 minutes to go, Carrodus crossed from the right, Graydon nodded the ball on and Leonard headed the Villa equaliser.

QPR: Phil Parkes, Dave Clement, Ian Gillard, Mick Leach, Frank McIntock (John Beck 57), Ron Abbott, Dave Thomas, Gerry Francis, Don Masson, Stan Bowles, Don Givens.

Attendance: 21,986



IN THE NEWS

AUGUST 1975

11th British Leyland Motor Corporation comes under British government control.

16th Football hooliganism strikes on the opening day of the English league season, with hundreds of fans being arrested at games across the country - the total number of arrests exceeds 70 at the stadiums of Wolverhampton Wanderers and Leicester City.

19th Headingley cricket ground vandalised by campaigners for release from prison of the armed robber George Davis. A scheduled test match between England and Australia due to take place there has to be abandoned. This is the climax to a campaign in which the slogan George Davis is Innocent has been widely sprayed throughout London.

McINTOCK INJURED AS RANGERS DROP POINT TO VILLA

By DONALD SAUNDERS

Queen's Park Rangers ... 1 Aston Villa ... 1

ASTON VILLA left London last night well pleased with their first point since rejoining the First Division, and possibly left Queen's Park Rangers wondering whether they are quite as good as last Saturday's victory over Liverpool had led them to believe.

Leonard, a busy, bustling striker, clinched this limited but all-important opening success for Villa by heading the ball firmly home after Graydon had nodded on a centre from Carrodus.

This 76th-minute goal wiped out the lead Francis had snatched for Rangers by driving in an angled shot for his second goal of the season some 17 minutes earlier.

Villa deserved a point if only because they worked hard throughout, and refused to give up when Francis appeared to have settled the issue.

Even so, Rangers could claim that they were unlucky to have their defence upset by the loss of the experienced McIntock in the 57th minute.

Defence problems

With McIntock limping off shortly after Aitken, another veteran, had been booked for fouling him, Rangers were obliged to soldier on without either of their regular central defenders, since Webb had been ruled out with an Achilles tendon injury.

Although the versatile young Abbott tried hard to fill Webb's

he suffered behind the knee last Saturday, out of touch, and Thomas misplacing crosses and shots, Rangers failed to exploit that mid-field superiority.

So Villa were allowed to rerun the game always with hope, near the end threatened to brate their return to the top sion with victory on their first of the season to London.

Rangers face a visit to Der Saturday not only without but also without McIntock has a badly twisted ankle.

Queen's Park Rangers.—Clement, Gillard, Leach, McIntock (57min), Abbott, Thomas, Francis, Bowles, Givens.
Aston Villa.—Cumbest, Gidman, Ross, Nichol, Phillips, Graydon, Leonard, Hamilton, Carrodus.

PRESS GANG

Harry Miller in the Daily Mirror...

"It was a goal executed by Gerry Francis with the arrogance and assurance that has surely made him Don Revie's choice as England's new captain today when he names the squad for the friendly in Switzerland on September 3rd."



Gillard, the QPR defender (left) battles with Villa's forward (right) to find the target at Loftus Road.



FRANK MCINTOCK
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Since the fixtures were released for the 2011/12 Barclays Premier League season, there has been phenomenal demand for hospitality here at Loftus Road. As a result, we have now completely sold out of all hospitality for the Chelsea and Manchester United matches.

However, all is not lost. In a continued effort to provide our fans with first-class hospitality, we are pleased to announce our official offsite hospitality at Bush Hall Banqueting Suite for the Chelsea

and Manchester United fixtures.

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Ian Holloway! I had worked with him before when he was Manager at Bristol Rovers. Ollie is a real character and someone you could warm to. He was up for a laugh and a joke but always had a serious side to him as well. He's a born winner.

★ BEST ADVICE YOU RECEIVED?

'The harder you work, the luckier you get' – Mr Holloway.

★ BEST GOAL YOU SCORED FOR THE R'S?

At home to Bury when I cut in from the left and curled my shot in.

★ WHAT WAS YOUR LUCKIEST MOMENT AT RANGERS?

Getting a second opportunity to come back and play for QPR after my spell at Rushden & Diamonds. I was just about to sign for Oldham and I was half an hour away from

their ground when I got a call from Ian Holloway at Rangers. He twisted my arm so I did a U-turn in my car and it was the best decision I ever made.

★ UNLUCKIEST MOMENT?

Relegation with Queens Park Rangers was horrible. Also when I scored an own goal at home to Brighton & Hove Albion.

★ FUNNIEST QPR TEAM MATE?

He only had a brief spell with us – Rohan Ricketts. He was an absolute one-off and was from a different planet in terms of what went through his head!

★ WERE YOU NERVOUS ON MATCHDAYS?

Yes, I did get nervous. It was just the general build-up on a matchday. But once you were out there attacking the Loft End, the Rangers crowd gave a very positive energy.

★ WHAT WAS YOUR ROUTINE FOR A HOME GAME?

I always had a haircut the day before a match. I was known for a few wacky hairstyles!

★ WHAT WAS THE LOFTUS ROAD PITCH LIKE DURING YOUR CAREER?

It used to be a bit slippery down

the far side in front of the Ellerslie Road Stand. It probably affected opposing players more as we were used to it.

★ DO YOU WISH YOU HAD EARNED THE WAGES THAT CURRENT PREMIER LEAGUE STARS ARE PAID?

Without a shadow of a doubt – it would be lovely!

★ WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHANGE IN FOOTBALL SINCE YOU PLAYED?

The pressure for success is filtering down through all the divisions now - especially the demands placed on Managers. Things are much more cut-throat as everyone wants immediate results.

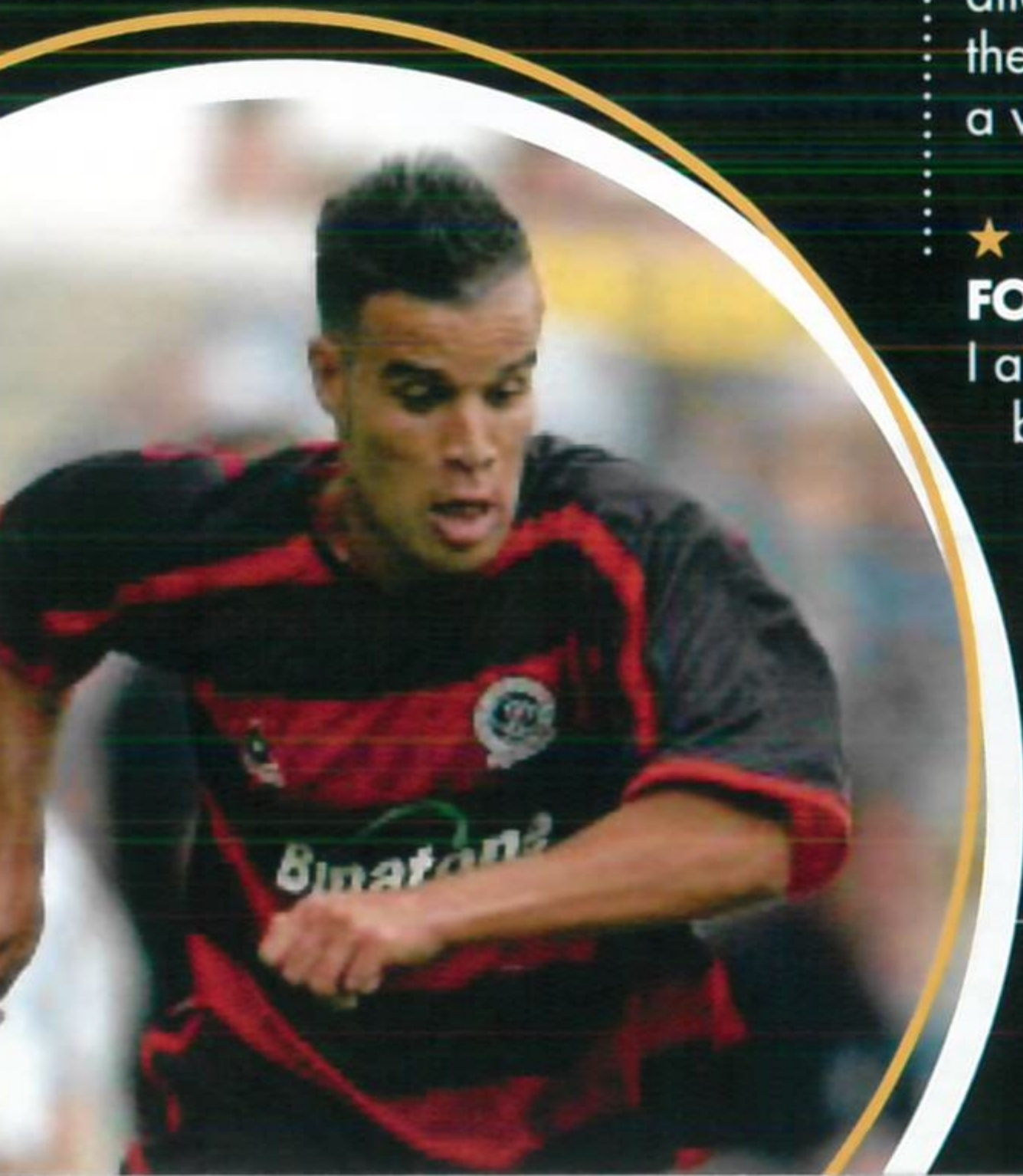
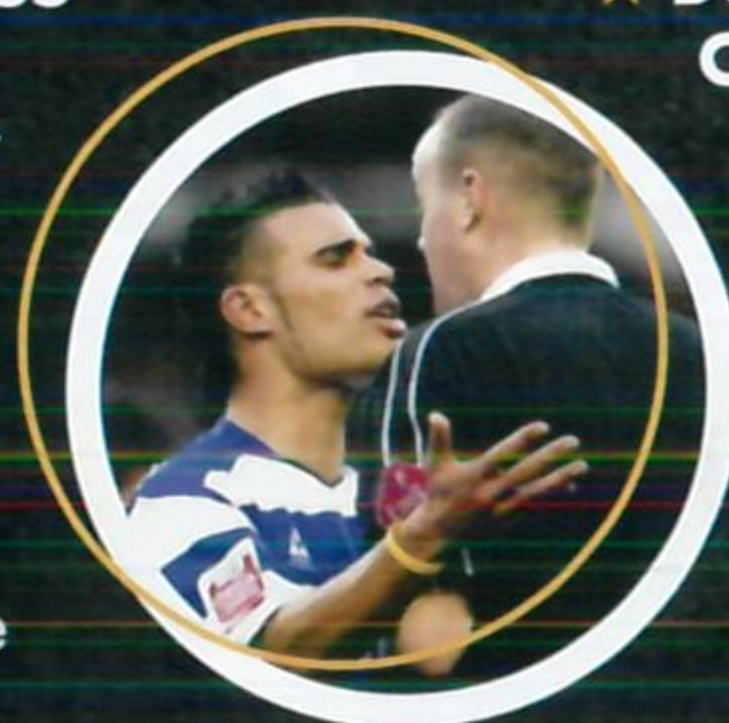
★ DO ANY OF THE LAWS OF THE GAME NEED TO BE CHANGED?

I am happy with most of them, but they need to bring in goal-line technology on big decisions.

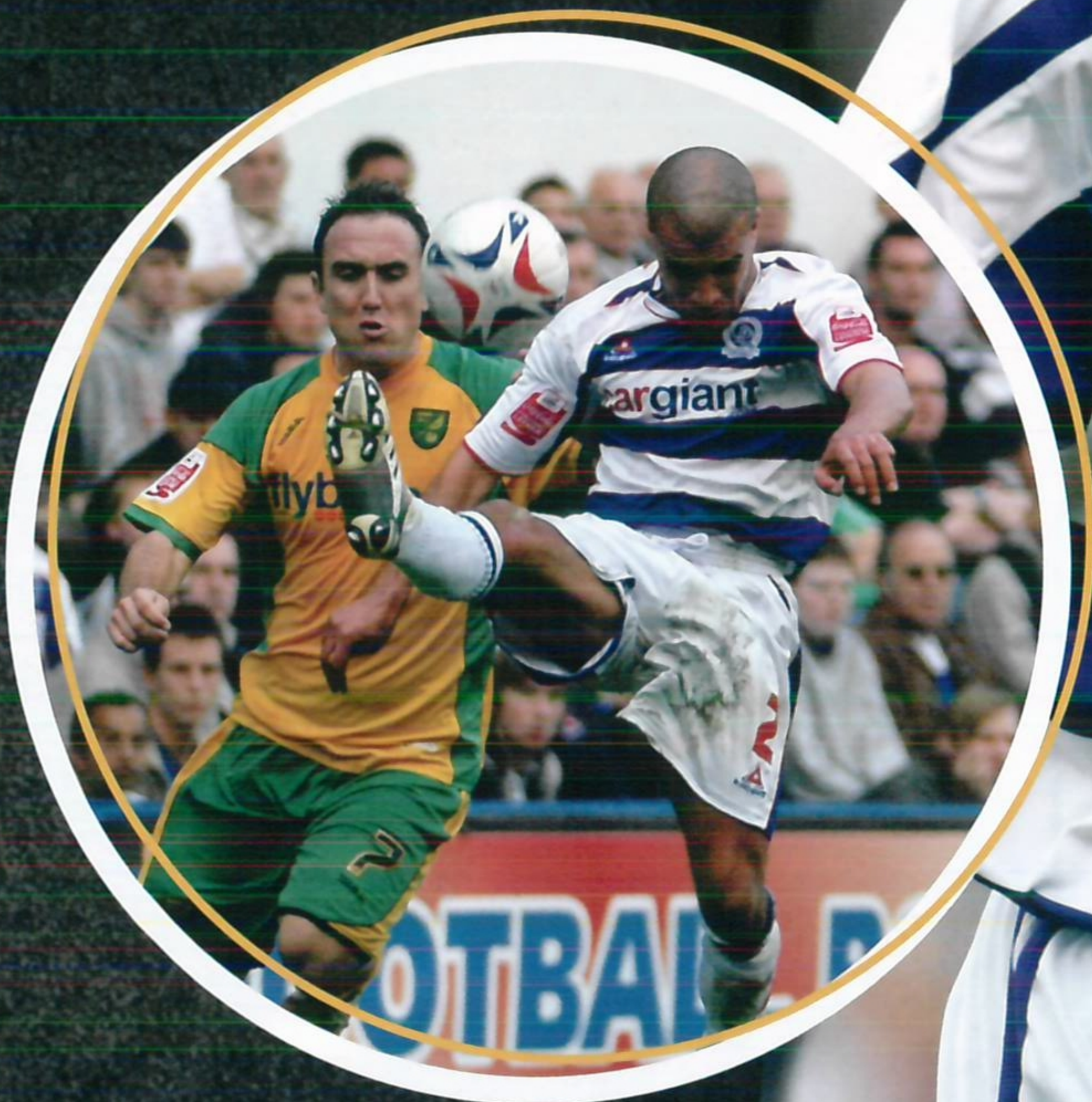
★ WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU VISITED LOFTUS ROAD?

A midweek fixture against Birmingham in October 2008. It was a snowy night and Gareth Ainsworth was Caretaker Manager of the R's.

★ HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT QPR'S RETURN TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE?



"I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SIGN FOR OLDHAM AND I WAS HALF AN HOUR AWAY FROM THEIR GROUND WHEN I GOT A CALL FROM IAN HOLLOWAY AT RANGERS. HE TWISTED MY ARM SO I DID A U-TURN IN MY CAR AND IT WAS THE BEST DECISION I EVER MADE."



Oh great! I am so pleased for the Rangers supporters more than anyone. They deserve to rub shoulders with the best and enjoy the ride.

★ **WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOWADAYS?**

I have just been appointed Manager of Solihull Moors FC in the Blue Square Bet Conference North. It is a good opportunity for me at a relatively young age. I always wanted to go into management after I hung up my boots. My new job mirrors my playing career - where I also started out in Non-League and worked my way up. The Conference is a good place to learn my trade and hopefully I will be managing at a higher level one day.



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SQUAD NUMBERS

CURRENT PLAYER

PADDY KENNY

QPR APPERANCES: 46

PADDY Kenny will wear the number one shirt with pride once again this term, after a quite remarkable opening season at Loftus Road in the R's Championship-winning campaign of 2010/11.

An ever-present up until the final weeks of the season when injury prevented his participation, Kenny was deservedly named Players' Player and Supporters' Player of the Year, in a campaign which saw him keep a remarkable 24 clean sheets in all competitions.

Many, including R's boss Neil Warnock, believe Kenny is destined for even greater things in the Barclays Premier League this season, with a call-up to the Republic of Ireland squad a distinct possibility for the

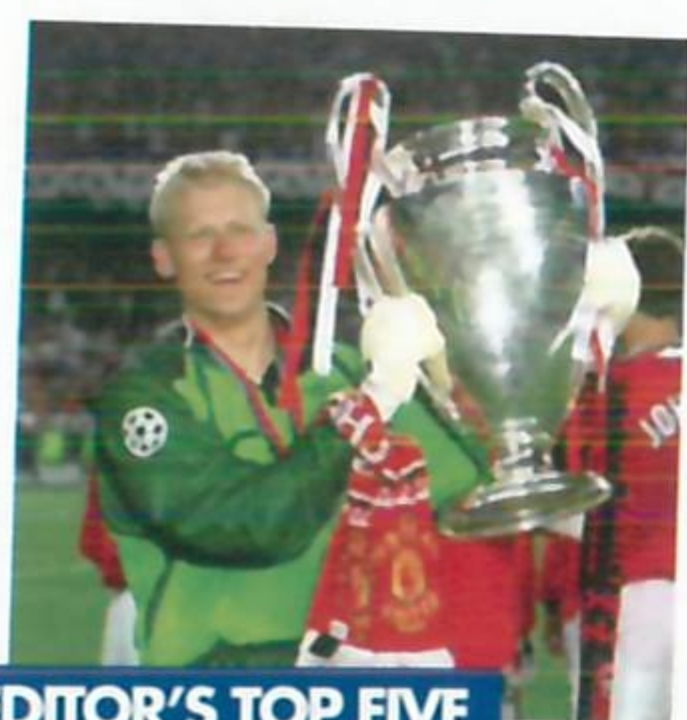


popular 33 year-old.

Regardless of whether or not Kenny hits such heights this term, few can deny he's already written himself into the QPR history books, with many young R's fans even labelling him the best they've seen in W12 over the last 20-odd years.

PREMIER LEAGUE NUMBERS

Arsenal Almunia
Aston Villa Given
Blackburn Robinson
Bolton Bogdan
Chelsea Cech
Everton Mucha
Fulham Schwarzer
Liverpool Jones
Man City n/a
Man Utd De Gea
Newcastle Harper
Norwich Ruddy
QPR Kenny
Stoke Begovic
Sunderland Gordon
Swansea n/a
Tottenham Gomes
West Brom Foster
Wigan Kirkland
Wolves Hennessey



THE EDITOR'S TOP FIVE

1. Peter Schmeichel
2. David Seaman
3. Edwin Van Der Sar
4. Petr Cech
5. Shay Given

HISTORY MAN

PHIL PARKES

QPR APPERANCES: 406

PHIL Parkes is arguably the greatest number one in QPR's history.

A commanding presence and an excellent shot-stopper, Parkes made 406 appearances in all competitions for the R's over a nine-year period between 1970 and 1979. He gained his only England cap during this period, against Portugal in 1974.

Parkes was part of the QPR team that reached the last eight of the

FA Cup in 1974 and were League runners-up to Liverpool in 1976.

Many observers consider that side, managed by Dave Sexton, to be the finest team never to have won the League.



HONOURABLE MENTION

David Seaman, Jan Stejskal, Ron Springett



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LAMBORGHINI

BEACH

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POOL

EGGS

or

BEANS





PREPARING FOR THE PREM

THE old adage 'stick to what you know' couldn't have been truer when it came to QPR's pre-season campaign of 2011/12.

R's gaffer Neil Warnock stuck to a schedule that has served him well over the course of his long-serving managerial career, with Rangers' First Team squad put through their paces during six gruelling weeks of training.

In similar fashion to last year, QPR enjoyed trips to Cornwall and Italy, as Jay Bothroyd, Kieron Dyer and

Danny Gabbidon – recent signings at the time – became familiar with their new team-mates.

After recording a 1-0 win at Harrow Borough, Cornwall was next up for Warnock and his charges.

It was largely a wet and windy week in the West Country but that didn't dampen the mood in the R's camp.

Rangers got their tour of the South West off to flyer with a 13-0 victory over Tavistock, with strikes from Hogan Ephraim (4), Tommy Smith,

Patrick Agyemang, Danny Shittu, Heidar Helguson (2), trialist Danny Webber, Petter Vaagan Moen, Matt Connolly and an own goal completing the rout.

Two days later the R's visited Plymouth for the testimonial of Argyle keeper Romain Larrieu, where Helguson's stoppage-time winner in the second half snatched a 1-0 victory.

The sun did at least come out for QPR's final game in Cornwall, where Connolly, Webber (2), Vaagan Moen,





Smith (2) and Helguson were all on target in a 7-0 defeat of Bodmin Town.

Warnock's men were greeted with warmer climes when they ventured out to Italy for their second tour of pre-season.

Despite an impressive display, the R's succumbed to a 1-0 defeat against Cesena, before Rangers travelled to Atalanta to contest the Trofeo Bartolotti.

Bothroyd's first goal for the Hoops was enough to see off SC Braga in their first fixture and, when Ali

Faurin was then on target in our 1-1 draw with hosts Atalanta, Rangers revelled in spot-kick glory in the resultant penalty shoot-out to claim the prestigious crown.

Upon their return to England, the R's enjoyed a 4-2 victory at Blue Square Premier Champions Crawley Town.

And that's before DJ Campbell netted his first-ever QPR goal in our 3-1 defeat at Luton Town where, despite leading at half-time, nine second-half changes ultimately took

their toll on the shape of proceedings.

R's boss Warnock said: "It's been a great pre-season for us. We've had nearly six weeks of build-up to the new season.

"We've trained really hard and, more importantly, we've had no injuries.

"We've got a lot to look forward to – there'll be a full house at Loftus Road against Bolton and I'm so excited.

"I can't wait for the season to kick-off now."



MESSAGEBOARD



***Today is Season Ticket holder Frank Colligan's 21st birthday. He is pictured with Lauren and Emma Cass, who are also Season Ticket holders in the Ellerslie Road Stand.**

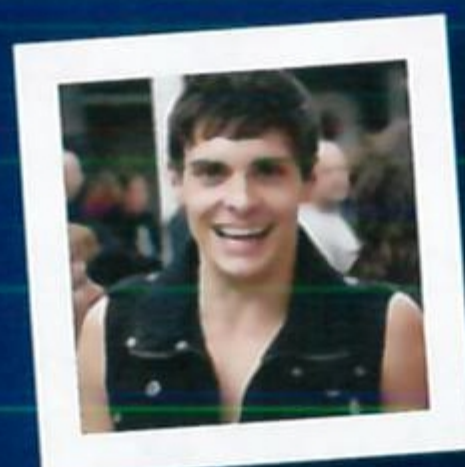
***Happy 70th birthday to Martin Steinberg, a lifelong QPR fan. Love from all the family.**

***Happy birthday to Alfie Waldron, who turned 11 on August 9th and is pictured with cousin Millie Assiter. Alfie is here today sitting in the East Paddock.**

***Happy 50th Birthday Sean Noonan. Love Debbie, Caroline and Sandra.**

***Happy 60th birthday to Chris Renton-Rose, who is pictured below with Soccer AM presenters Helen Chamberlain and Max Rushden.**

***Jack Felce, pictured on a recent holiday in Majorca, is celebrating his 5th birthday today. Happy birthday!**



***Happy 21st birthday to Tom Brosnan. Lots of love from all your family and friends XX**

***Happy birthday to Tom Lewington, who will be 13 on August 20th. Love Mum, Dad, Aaron and Amy.**



***Welcome to the world future QPR legend George Frank Alec Chapman, born 13th July 2011. Lots of love, the Chapman Family x**



***A very warm welcome to Loftus Road to Alf and Anthony Ferrer, who are now Season Ticket holders in Ellerslie Road. Alf (second right) is pictured with sons Richard, Anthony and Ashley. We hope you enjoy today's match!**

OBITUARIES

Jean Newman... Former QPR Receptionist, Jean Newman, sadly passed away last month. Jean, who recently celebrated her 70th birthday, passed away peacefully in her sleep following a short fight against cancer.

She worked for the Club for 24 years. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends and colleagues. May she rest in peace.



Matthew Hackney... Missed deeply by everyone who knew and loved him, Matthew Hackney passed away aged 12 last August, the day after watching Rangers start their Championship-winning season with a 4-0 win against Barnsley. Matt was a loyal supporter who travelled the country following the R's and would always be seen where he lived in Byfleet wearing one of his many Rangers shirts. Being a matchday mascot on his birthday for the first game of the 2008/09 season was one of many happy days we'll remember Matt having at Loftus Road, with him meeting the players

and then being able to run out and play football on the pitch. The love for Matthew is forever in our hearts and he will always be with us wherever we go, and we also know he'll always be there to watch over his beloved Queens Park Rangers. We love you Matt, from Mum, Dad and Elizabeth XXXX



ON R TRAVELS



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1) Tino Megaro sent in a picture of his wife, Louise, pictured at the top of Mount Kilimanjaro. She recently fought off two separate illnesses to climb the world's highest free-standing mountain and raise money for charity. Well done on your achievement!

2) R's fan and England nut Brian Payne is pictured flying the flag for both Club and country in Copenhagen for the Three Lions' clash with Denmark this year. Brian informs us that there are more images to come, so stay tuned!

3) This picture was sent in by Carol Leisching, whose husband Steve can be seen holding up an R's scarf in one of the couple's favourite places, Mayrhofen in Austria.

4) Evan Macrae is snapped here at El Santiago Bernabeu, after his and his girlfriend's recent visit to Madrid. The pair watched Real Madrid handsomely brush aside Almeria 8-1!

5) Des Murphy shows off his hoops on the lush beaches of the Dominican Republic on a recent break.

6) Contender for best-ever 'On R Travels' submission alert! This spectacular shot shows Season Ticket holder Neil Sherry in mid-flight on his snowboard recently in Les 2 Alpes, France.

7) Long live the king... R's fans and newlyweds Jack and Charlotte Staniland are pictured here on honeymoon in Las Vegas with Elvis himself!



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GOOD AFTERNOON R'S FANS!!

GOOD afternoon and a very special welcome back to Loftus Road, home to a Premier League Club! I am sure you are all as excited as I am. Neither you nor I were around the last time we were in the Premier League, so today is yet another first for us all! Let's make sure the rest of the league know we have arrived! Until the next time... Come on you Rrrrrrr's!

SPARK



SEND US YOUR SNAPS!

I HOPE you are all enjoying the summer holidays. No school – hooray! What have you been up to for the past few weeks? Been on holiday? Attended a QPR Soccer School? Stayed at home? Whatever you've done, if you've worn your Rangers shirt doing it, we'd love to hear from you. Send your photos to the usual postal address or email sarahh@qpr.co.uk.

JUNIOR HOOPS MASCOT

JEM IVES, 11

Hobbies: Football, cricket and model aeroplanes

Favourite players: Bradley Orr and Paddy Kenny



VISITING MASCOT

MAX EVERSON, 12

Hobbies: Football
Favourite players: Chung Yong Lee and Kevin Davies



AWAY WE GO

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS v QPR
Saturday 17th September 2011
Kick-off 3pm

We plan to organise a special Junior Hoop family coach to Molineux. The cost, which includes return travel from Loftus Road Stadium and the all-important match ticket, is yet to be announced. Further details will appear on the website as soon as possible. Contact Sarah on 020 8740 2533 for more information.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday greetings to...

Piers Berger
Ross Fretwell
Hugh Phillips
Jack Felce
Ruby Mackrill
Jared Akins
Ellie Williams
Leo Finan

...who are celebrating today

Aaron Hardie
Matthew Devine
...who will be celebrating tomorrow

Ryan Adams
Daniel Phillips
Sam Goodman
Samuel Price
Bethan Snell
Freddie Nevrides
Charles Martland
...who will be celebrating on Monday

And to...

Anil Banarsee
Harry Murphy
Alfie Sexton-Kerr
Kai Shepherd
Max Moloney
Harry Degan
Conor Forkin
Harry O'Leary
Louis Pusey
Ralf Dunning
Alex Rae
Joe Wallbanks
Lizzy Poon-Tip
William Baker
Adam Fitzpatrick
Rebecca Sedgwick
George Conisbee
Jack Gould
Robin Davis
George Walden
Honey Rose King
Archie Pape
Oliver Curtis

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Sean McKenna
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Bailey Lawless
David McCullagh
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Sam Smith
James Durn
Kieran Smith
Jacob Tait
Alfie Hackett
Joshua Da Costa
Camerson Seward
Robert Hartley
Owen Pearce
Daniel Hildebrand
Jack Betteridge
Albert McLean
J Davies
Jake Moore
Suraj Saini
Ben Halsey
Lili Davidson
Alex Walton
Joseph Mantle
Marco Baske
Sebastian Rogers
...who will be celebrating before our trip to Wigan.

Very best wishes to all of you who celebrated a birthday during the close season – we hope you had a great time.

QPR

Junior Hoops



LEAGUE TABLE

TEAM	P	HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
ARSENAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASTON VILLA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLACKBURN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BOLTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHELSEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EVERTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FULHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIVERPOOL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAN CITY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAN UTD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEWCASTLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORWICH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
QPR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STOKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUNDERLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SWANSEA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTTENHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WEST BROM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WOLVES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WEEKEND FIXTURES

DATE	HOME	AWAY	KICK-OFF	TV
AUGUST				
SAT 13	BLACKBURN ROVERS	V WOLVES	3PM	
SAT 13	FULHAM	V ASTON VILLA	3PM	
SAT 13	LIVERPOOL	V SUNDERLAND	3PM	
SAT 13	TOTTENHAM	V EVERTON	3PM	
SAT 13	WIGAN ATHLETIC	V NORWICH CITY	3PM	
SAT 13	NEWCASTLE UNITED	V ARSENAL	5.30PM	E
SUN 14	STOKE CITY	V CHELSEA	1.30PM	S
SUN 14	WEST BROM	V MANCHESTER UTD	4PM	S
MON 15	MANCHESTER CITY	V SWANSEA CITY	8PM	S

PLAYER STATISTICS

PLAYER	AGE	2011/12 SEASON				QPR TOTAL		UK CAREER	
		APS	GLS	Y/R	MINs	APS	GLS	APS	GLS
AGYEMANG	30	-	-	-	-	38(+43)	16	217(+189)	67
BOTHROYD	28	-	-	-	-	0	0	256(+94)	86
BUZSAKY	29	-	-	-	-	75(+29)	22	148(+61)	31
CAMPBELL	29	-	-	-	-	0	0	164(+71)	76
CERNY	37	-	-	-	-	81	0	108(+1)	0
CONNOLLY	23	-	-	-	-	107(+11)	2	126(+17)	5
DERRY	33	-	-	-	-	47	0	546(+47)	13
DYER	32	-	-	-	-	0	0	344(+63)	50
EPHRAIM	23	-	-	-	-	75(+39)	8	82(+58)	10
FAURLIN	24	-	-	-	-	80(+5)	4	80(+5)	4
GABPIDON	31	-	-	-	-	0	0	347(+12)	10
GORKSS	29	-	-	-	-	121(+3)	6	172(+9)	14
HALL	30	-	-	-	-	61(+15)	3	232(+23)	11
HELGUSON	33	-	-	-	-	50(+11)	19	267(+95)	110
HILL	32	-	-	-	-	45	2	438(+13)	32
HULSE	31	-	-	-	-	13(+9)	2	331(+76)	125
KENNY	32	-	-	-	-	46	0	516	0
MACKIE	25	-	-	-	-	27	9	183(+62)	45
MURPHY	28	-	-	-	-	0	0	44	0
ORR	28	-	-	-	-	31(+4)	1	261(+33)	14
RAMAGE	27	-	-	-	-	65(+9)	2	124(+19)	2
SMITH	30	-	-	-	-	23(+10)	6	426(+75)	100
TAARABT	21	-	-	-	-	80(+15)	27	80(+30)	27
VAAGAN MOEN	27	-	-	-	-	2(+6)	0	2(+6)	0

FIXTURES & RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENTS	H/A	K.O	RES	ATT	VIS	POS	REF
AUGUST								
SAT 13	BOLTON WANDERERS	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 20	EVERTON	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
WED 24	CARLING CUP 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 27	WIGAN ATHLETIC	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SEPTEMBER								
MON 12	NEWCASTLE UNITED	S H	8PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 17	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
WED 21	CARLING CUP 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUN 25	ASTON VILLA	S H	4PM	-	-	-	-	-
OCTOBER								
SAT 1	FULHAM	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 15	BLACKBURN ROVERS	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SUN 23	CHELSEA	S H	4PM	-	-	-	-	-
WED 26	CARLING CUP 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUN 30	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	S A	4PM	-	-	-	-	-
NOVEMBER								
SAT 5	MANCHESTER CITY	E H	5.30PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 19	STOKE CITY	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 26	NORWICH CITY	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
WED 30	CARLING CUP 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DECEMBER								
SAT 3	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 10	LIVERPOOL	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 17	MANCHESTER UNITED	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
TUE 20	SUNDERLAND	H	8PM	-	-	-	-	-
MON 26	SWANSEA CITY	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 31	ARSENAL	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
JANUARY								
MON 2	NORWICH CITY	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 7	F.A. CUP 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 14	NEWCASTLE UNITED	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 21	WIGAN ATHLETIC	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 28	F.A. CUP 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY								
WED 1	ASTON VILLA	A	7.45PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 4	WOLVERHAMPTON W.	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 11	BLACKBURN ROVERS	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 18	F.A. CUP 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 25	FULHAM	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
MARCH								
SAT 3	EVERTON	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 10	BOLTON WANDERERS	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 17	LIVERPOOL	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 24	SUNDERLAND	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 31	ARSENAL	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
APRIL								
SAT 7	MANCHESTER UNITED	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
MON 9	SWANSEA CITY	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 14	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 21	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SAT 28	CHELSEA	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
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SAT 5	STOKE CITY	H	3PM	-	-	-	-	-
SUN 13	MANCHESTER CITY	A	3PM	-	-	-	-	-

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LOFTUS ROAD STADIUM SAFETY NOTICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Queens Park Rangers FC would like to remind supporters that the Club faces heavy sanctions from the Football Association should there be any repeat of the mindless actions of a small minority of spectators.

Behaviour of this kind has no place at Loftus Road and we urge all spectators to support the Club identifying and excluding anyone involved in criminal acts. Missile throwing, entering the field of play, racist/indecent/abusive language, consuming alcohol within the view of the pitch, are all against the law within football stadiums.

The Club, in conjunction with the Police and Local Authority, will have no hesitation in enforcing these regulations; resulting in prosecution and a lengthy ban from Loftus Road.

The following information is for the benefit of spectators and to ensure all who attend games at Loftus Road do so in comfort and safety.

EVACUATION MESSAGE

In the event of an emergency, the following message will be played over the stadium public address system. Please listen carefully and follow all instructions given to you by stewards.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, due to unforeseen circumstances, it is not possible to continue this event. Please leave the stadium as quickly and quietly as possible using exits indicated to you by stewards."

Please note that should an evacuation be carried out, refunds will not be considered at the time. However - retain your ticket and await further information from the Club.

BEHAVIOURAL POLICY

In the interest of public safety we would ask all supporters to co-operate with the following policy:

1. Under no circumstances are people allowed on to the pitch. This is an offence under Football (Offences) Act 1991.
2. Supporters must not use racial chants or indecent or abusive language whilst in the stadium. This is an arrestable offence under the Football (Offences) Act 1991.
3. The throwing of any item on to or towards the pitch or in to an area for spectators is strictly forbidden. This is an arrestable offence under the Football (Offences) Act 1991.
4. Consumption of alcohol in view of the pitch is contrary to licensing regulations and will lead to ejection. This is an offence under the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985.
5. You are asked to observe ground regulations by not bringing in to the stadium any objects that might cause injury to others.
6. This is an all-seater stadium and persistent standing in the seated area will lead to you being asked to leave or ejected.
7. In the interest of public safety you are required to refrain from standing, blocking or sitting in any gangways, exits or stairwells.
8. A reminder that no camera or recording devices of any type may be brought in to the stadium without express licence.



FIRST AID

Should you require medical first aid during your visit, contact the nearest steward who will arrange for qualified first aiders to assist you. First Aid teams are located at all four corners of the playing area.

The medical First Aid centre is situated under Block T at the rear of Ellerslie Road Stand.

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FOOTBALL** **RACISM**

**Heard racist abuse at your club?
Report it! 0800 169 9414**

A lot of good work has gone on in the game to fight racism. At grounds across the country it is no longer as common to hear racist chanting and to see black players being abused because of the colour of their skin. But it still happens.

Football's anti-racism campaign, Kick It Out, operates a freephone telephone number to enable fans of all clubs to report incidents of racist abuse inside and outside stadiums. With your help we can make this an issue that football has tackled once and for all.

If you hear racial abuse or chanting, or see fans being harassed because of the colour of their skin, report it in confidence to the hotline number.

Racist abuse, it's not football. Report it!
Freephone 0800 169 9414

Join our emailing list - info@kickitout.org

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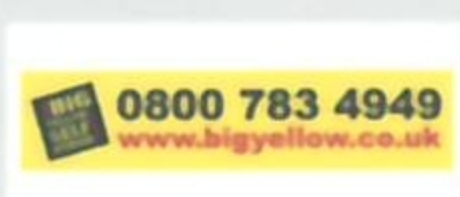
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